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Report to the Sec. Gen. ^{Novem. 54}

-developments in the Technical Assistance Administration.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Report to the Secretary General

The following is a report of the major developments in the Technical Assistance Administration during the month of November 1954.

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

Disbursements and obligations for the month of November amounted to \$168,714.37. Operations for the first eleven months of 1954 totalled \$4,873,883.20. This compares with \$4,821,819.00 for the same period in 1953.

PROGRAMME DIVISION

During the month of November five experts were at Headquarters for briefing; three experts were at Headquarters for consultation; six experts reported to Headquarters after completing their assignments.

Recruitment Office

A total of 20 Technical Assistance Expert appointments were confirmed during November for service in 13 different countries. Of the new appointees 14 are from Europe, 1 from Australia, 3 from Canada, 1 from Mexico and 1 from Chile.

Fellowships Placement Office

During the period January - November 1954, 372 United Nations Fellows and Scholars began their observation and studies abroad under the regular and expanded programmes of Technical Assistance. In addition, host facilities have been obtained for 6 other candidates. Requests for host facilities for 1954 are still outstanding for 19 candidates for whom a favourable recommendation has been made by the United Nations Selection Committees.

Industrial Development Section

Indian Penicillin: The penicillin plant at Pimpri is moving rapidly toward production. All services, first germinators and seed tanks are scheduled for operating tests the middle of December. It is anticipated that the first large fermenter will be put into operation early in January and the extraction section by about 15 January.

Egypt DDT: The project is now well under way. Construction of the first building is going ahead and contracts have been let for the construction of the remainder of the buildings.

European Office of TAA

During the month 10 experts passed through Geneva en route to their countries of assignment and four experts returned from mission.

By the end of November 176 loans had been made in 1954, comprising 537 films and 18 film strips. In order to facilitate the extension of the loan service overseas, orders have been placed for extra copies of 27 films that are most in demand.

During the month seven Economic Development and Public Administration Fellows and Scholars from Brazil, Indonesia, Yugoslavia, Pakistan, and India took up their awards in various European host countries.

Amongst the fellowship holders was Dr. R. Djuanda, Director General of the Indonesian Planning Bureau, for whom a programme had been arranged that included visits to hydro-electric development schemes and heavy industry installations in France and Germany and discussions with top-level economic planning experts in those countries.

Arrangements were completed with the Scandinavian host countries to have one country responsible for placement of Fellows and Scholars throughout Scandinavia. The coordinating country for 1954 is Denmark; for 1955 it will be Norway.

Three Social Welfare Fellows, one from Trieste and two from Yugoslavia, visited Geneva for briefing before starting their programmes in the European host countries.

Short-term Assignments of Social Welfare Experts: On completion in October of a nine-months' assignment to Switzerland Miss Eva Burmeister (USA) spent 3 weeks in the Netherlands at the request of the Dutch National Bureau for Child Welfare. This is the first short-term assignment of a social welfare expert to the Netherlands which becomes the fifteenth European country to receive services under the short-term programme.

By the end of November 127 social workers and officials had completed study visits abroad in 1954, totalling 415 weeks, under the scheme for the exchange of social welfare personnel.

European Social Welfare Seminars: The Geneva Office is providing translating and editing assistance to the Yugoslav Government for the publication in both English and French of the complete proceedings of the Seminar on the Rehabilitation of the Adult Disabled which was held in Belgrade from 4 to 12 October. The Co-Director of the Seminar, Dr. Grossiord, recently visited Geneva to review and correlate the texts. It is hoped that the processing of the material will be completed by the Middle of December.

Office for Asia and the Far East

During the months of November there were 73 experts in Asia and the Far East Region.

During the month the following experts arrived in the field:

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| E.B. Lewis (United Kingdom) | Coal Mining | Burma |
| A.J. Boudreau (Canada) | Public Administration | Cambodia |
| T. Oinomikado (Japan) | Micropaleontology (Oil Development) | China(Taiwan) |
| R. Frisch (Norway) | Statistics | India |
| Sir Clutha Mackenzie (New Zealand) | Blind Welfare | Pakistan |

The following experts completed their assignments in November:

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| A.R. Thomas (Australia) | Gravel Deposits | Burma |
| T. Tanaka (Japan) | Power Weaving | Burma |
| I. Kato (Japan) | Pottery | Burma |

Cambodia: Miss O. Leblanc, of the TAA Headquarters staff, who is on assignment in Phnom Penh, initiated the in-service training of Government clerical and secretarial staff in May 1954. Entrance examinations for training in the newly opened school were set and by 1 November, 604 applications had been received. It is planned initially to take 60 students in three classes of 20 each. The training course will ultimately form an integral part of the public administration programme.

India - Inland Water Transport: Mr. Basu, the Indian officer in charge of the Ganga-Brahmaputra Water Transport Board's Demonstration Pilot project on the Upper Ganga River recently returned to India after spending three weeks in the Netherlands in connection with the design of tugs and barges for the project. He discussed the precise design requirement of the Indian Government with Mr. J.J. Surie, former TAA expert on the project who is now acting in an advisory capacity, and with the naval architect who is to be employed by TAA. On his return to India he took with him the first drafts of the designs. During his visits to the Wageningen Testing Station which is also under contract to TAA to test the models when completed, Mr. Basu met the Director of OTRACO, the inland water transport organization of the Belgian Congo which is also testing pusher tugs. They have arranged for an exchange of results of experiments which will be of particular benefit to the Ganga project since the OTRACO experience will be available before the Indian tests begin.

Indonesia - Leather Processing: Mr. E. Gergely (Yugoslavia), TAA leather processing expert, has reported that the Leather Institute in Djodjakarta, with which he has been working since 1952, had organized an

exhibition for the International Fair which was held in Djakarta during the past summer. The exhibition which included a demonstration of leather processing and of the different kinds of leather produced in Indonesia - shoe and technical leather, saffian, python, lizard and water snakes - was very successful and was on display from the end of August to the middle of October.

Recently, while en route to Yugoslavia on home leave, Mr. Gergely visited a number of plants and institutes in the United Kingdom, Switzerland and Germany, to look into new methods of leather processing and finishing. The British and German firms have contributed samples of new products, which are being shipped to the Leather Institute in Djodjakarta.

Pakistan - Hydrology: Mr. M. Schwob, Headquarters programme officer, a professional geologist by training, who is en route to an assignment in Afghanistan, discussed with the Government representatives and with FAO and TAA experts in Karachi the steps to be taken to develop a Central Hydrological survey on which a TAA expert will advise the Government, and a pilot unit.

Pakistan - VHF Radio Expert: Mr. S. Quijano Caballero (Colombia), TAA telecommunications expert in Pakistan who is assisting in establishment of a VHF radio communication system, reported that the equipment provided by TAA under its 1954 programme has been received and is being profitably used. During the UN Week which took place in Karachi part of this equipment was displayed in an exhibition of Technical Assistance.

Study Tours: The Soviet Union Government has agreed to act as host in 1955 to two study tours.

The first tour is tentatively scheduled to take place in May and June and will include senior officials of various Indian Government Ministries (Geological Survey, Mines, Food and Agriculture, Labour, National Physical Laboratory) who will explore the possibilities and facilities for advanced technical and industrial training in the USSR.

The second tour which is for mining engineers and geologists is tentatively planned to begin in August and September/October for a minimum period of three months and will have a maximum of seventeen participants to be selected by TAA and ECAFE from candidates nominated by Governments in the Asia and Far East area. It will study the organization and planning of large-scale geological surveys and mineral prospecting, training of junior geologists and mining engineers, survey and prospecting methods and equipment. This group may also visit other countries in Europe before going to the USSR.

Regional - Seminar on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders: On 6 November the United Nations Seminar on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in Asia and the Far East concluded its meetings in Rangoon. The conference, which was attended by representatives from 14 countries in the region and 8 non-governmental organizations, discussed the problems of juvenile delinquency, rules for the treatment of prisoners,

selection and training of personnel, open penal institutions, prostitution and problems of opium addiction. The Technical Assistance Administration appointed the Director, Mr. Manuel Lopez Rey, Chief of the Social Defense Section, UN Department of Social Affairs, and six discussion leaders:

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| Mr. A. Whatmore | Australia |
| Col. Sayed | Pakistan |
| Mr. Sabnis | India |
| Mr. Eriksen | Sweden |
| Mr. J. J. Vergara | Philippines |
| Mr. Rastagi | India |

The Government of Burma provided all host facilities.

The competence and high level of the participants immeasurably contributed to the success of the seminar. The Governments sent professionally experienced representatives including supreme and high court judges, magistrates, police officials, probation officers, and jail administrators. The wide interest in the Seminar reflects the concern of the Governments of the region with the problem of crime and their desire to develop sound and humane policies and practices in dealing with offenders.

Office for Europe, the Middle East and Africa

At the end of November there were 99 experts in the field.

During the month, the following 13 experts arrived in the field:

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| F. Arro (France) | Postal Administration | Lebanon |
| V. Bodiansky (France) | Low Cost Housing | Gold Coast |
| W.J. Bruhlman (Switzerland) | Insurance | Turkey |
| F. Brundin (Sweden) | Transportation | Greece |
| *E. Burmeister (USA) | Social Welfare | Austria |
| *E. Burmeister (USA) | Social Welfare | Netherlands |
| G. King (United Kingdom) | Town Planning | Jordan |
| M. Lock (United Kingdom) | Town Planning | Jordan |
| E. Metzler (Switzerland) | Radio Broadcasting | Lebanon |
| H.L. Nissen (Norway) | Public Administration Institute | Egypt |
| E. Olsson (Sweden) | Public Administration Institute | Turkey |
| *E. Sailer (Austria) | Social Welfare | Switzerland |
| *E. Sailer (Austria) | Social Welfare | France |
| Z. Siemiensky (Poland) | Currency and Banking | Yemen |
| L. Tallon (Belgium) | Personnel Administration (P.A. Institute) | Turkey |

During the month, the following experts completed their assignments:

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| A. Hethey (United Kingdom) | Heat Treatment of Steel | Yugoslavia |
| F. Singer (United Kingdom) | Ceramics | Yugoslavia |
| *E. Burmeister (USA) | Social Welfare | Austria, Netherlands |
| *E. Sailer (Austria) | Social Welfare | Switzerland |

*Short-term experts, administered by Geneva

Egypt: On 1 December a training course will begin at the Demonstration Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Blind, for nationals of Middle Eastern countries. The nine-months' course will deal with all aspects of rehabilitation such as home teaching, administration of institutions for the blind, and vocational training. In addition to eight Egyptian trainees, there will be eight trainees from seven other countries (one each from Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Jordan and two from the Sudan). The registration also includes one Palestinian who, upon completion of his course, will do rehabilitation work among the Palestine refugees. The other trainees are expected to return to their home countries where they will carry on work in their respective fields.

Mr. A.N. Magill, the sightless Canadian expert who completed a one-year assignment in Egypt in December 1953 during which he advised the Government on the establishment of the Centre, will return to Cairo in January next for another year.

Iran: Mr. E. Park (Denmark), railway expert in Iran, has submitted to the Government of Iran a copy of his provisional report on his mission, which according to the Resident Representative has stimulated great interest. His suggestions were approved by a committee of Iranian officials set up by the Minister of Communications.

The Resident Representative also noted that, from the information that he has received, the volume of traffic on the railways has increased by approximately 50% in the main due to the excellent work carried out by Mr. Park.

Yugoslavia - Exchange Plan Seminar on Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped, Belgrade, 4 - 12 October: The Seminar was directed by Dr. H.H. Kessler, (USA), former TAA expert on rehabilitation in Yugoslavia. He was assisted by the Medical Chief of the National Rehabilitation Centre for Poliomyelitis in Garches, France, and by the Chief of the Rehabilitation Unit of the United Nations Department of Social Affairs. The additional teaching staff came from France, the United Kingdom and Yugoslavia. WHO cooperated by providing the services of experts within its sphere of competence.

There were 82 participants: Austria, 1; Belgium, 4; Denmark, 7; Finland, 4; France, 8; Germany, 5; Italy, 4; the Netherlands, 4; Norway, 4; Sweden, 5; the United Kingdom, 3; Yugoslavia, 30; and one observer each from Greece, India, Israel and Pakistan. The participants were of a high technical level, drawn from the specialized groups of rehabilitation personnel: orthopedic surgeons, directors and administrators of centres; psychiatrists; social workers, physical therapists; occupational therapists; and vocational guidance and training experts.

At the conclusion of the Seminar some 40 participants went on a six-day tour of the country as guests of the Government. The itinerary included visits to rehabilitation centres and hospitals at Banjaluka, Zagreb, Rovinj, Ljubliana and to other places of interest in Yugoslavia.

The Seminar was one of four European seminars in the social welfare field which were arranged under the United Nations plan for the exchange of social welfare personnel. They are part of a "self-help" programme in which a Government provides all facilities for a seminar, and full hospitality for all participants from abroad, in exchange for an equivalent number of weeks of study opportunities for their own nationals in the countries from which the exchange visitors come. The United Nations has responsibility for the technical content of the Seminar and employs the director and teaching staff.

Yugoslavia - Steel Industry: Mr. Axel Hethey (United Kingdom) has completed a 23-month assignment in Yugoslavia, where he has advised on the heat treatment of steel for the shipbuilding industry, on problems of steel production at several large iron works, and on the general question of foundry sand. His final report has been received and among its general recommendations, the following are of especial interest:

1. The organization of a "Furnace Construction Bureau" to rebuild systematically all Yugoslav furnaces to make them more suitable for indigenous fuels and refractory materials, and eventually to design and build new furnaces.
2. The Organization, on a nation-wide as well as a Republic basis, of methods of coordination and cooperation among related industries and engineering and technical personnel.
3. The encouragement of exchange of visits and information between Yugoslav iron and steel personnel and their foreign colleagues.
4. Visits abroad for team of foundrymen under guidance of a foundry specialist after the problem of suitable foundry sand is solved.

Yugoslavia - Child Welfare: Miss E. Rautanen (Finland) served as a TAA expert in Child Welfare Services (with special reference to foster-home care) to the Government of Yugoslavia from 6 January to 5 April 1954. As a follow-up to this assignment the Government recently sent four officials to study in France for a month and arrangements have now been completed for six more officials from Yugoslavia to study in Finland, directly under Miss Rautanen's guidance. These ten study visits abroad have been arranged under the Plan for the Exchange of Social Welfare Personnel which is administered by the TAA European Office, and are an interesting example of the way in which this "self-help" scheme can be used to aid in the implementation of the recommendations made by a United Nations expert.

Jordan - Ports Administration: Mr. B. Nagorski, the TAA expert in Ports and Shipping, arranged for two members of the staff of Port Authority of Aqaba to visit the ports of Latakia and Beirut in Lebanon under his supervision. During their seven-day visit the two Jordanians, who are candidates for TAA fellowships in 1955, had for the first time an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the general rules of administration of these two important ports and to compare the methods and regulations with the system prevailing in Aqaba. They obtained a good overall picture of port organization and valuable information on tariffs.

The expert is also conducting a series of lectures on maritime navigation and maritime terminals as part of the training of the local staff of the Port Authority.

Office for Latin America

At the end of November there were 60 experts in the field.

During the month of November, the following experts arrived in the field:

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| L.F. Korb (United Kingdom) | Iron and Steel | Venezuela |
| Raoul Chastagnol (France) | Power Production and Distribution | Venezuela |
| A.C. Kayanan (Philippines) | Town and Country Planning | Costa Rica |
| M. Diniz Carneiro (Brazil) | Medical Social Work | Costa Rica |
| Celestino Sanudo (Chile) | Rehabilitation of Housing | Haiti |

Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Finance or Economy: TAA was represented at the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Finance or Economy, held in Rio de Janeiro, by Dr. Raul Prebisch, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America. A report on TAA activities in the area in 1955 was prepared as a briefing paper for Dr. Prebisch, and a statement was formulated on TAA policy vis a vis the report that the Commission presented to the meeting. The Conference was of considerable importance to Latin America and to the United Nations and the Organization of American States. It dealt with measures for increasing the financing of economic development in the region and was highlighted by debates on both local measures and United States' assistance. The recommendations of the Commission's report in regard to the integration of technical assistance activities with plans for financing economic development programmes were discussed at the Conference.

Ecuador - Low Cost Housing: Mr. Warren H. Cornwell (USA), TAA housing expert, spent a few days at Headquarters, while on home leave, in order to take part in discussions with Mr. Moreno Llor, Director of the newly formed National Housing Institute of Ecuador, and members of the Inter-American

Centre of Housing. Mr. Cornwell has been assisting the Government of Ecuador since 1952 and an extension of his services into 1955 has been requested in order that he may advise on the implementation of as comprehensive a housing and planning programme as national resources and conditions will permit. He will be required to draw up a long-range housing programme, including urban, rural and regional planning. Special emphasis will be placed on the testing, development and use of locally available building materials which will be undertaken as cooperative effort of the National Housing Institute, the Central University of Ecuador and TAA. The Institute will provide technical personnel, many of them former TAA fellows, and will bear the administrative costs of the project. The University will erect a building, for the purpose. TAA hopes to provide testing equipment and an expert to supervise its installation.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Bolivia: Mr. A. de Tuddo, technical consultant for social security, completed his assignment in Bolivia. He will report to Headquarters early in December before returning to Italy.

Burma: Mr. S. T. Divers, of the United Kingdom Ministry of Finance and National Insurance, has been accepted by the Government of Burma for the post of expert in Organization and Methods that was recommended in Mr. Ticker's report on "Public Administration in Burma, 1954". He will arrive in Burma by the end of the year to head the public administration team.

Cambodia: Mr. A. J. Boudreau, of the Canadian Civil Service Commission who is to assume the duties of special adviser on the civil service to the Cambodian Government, was briefed at Headquarters, in Washington, D.C. and in Paris, before proceeding to Phnom Penh. In Paris, Mr. Boudreau met, among others, Mr. Bourdeau de Fontenay, director of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, who had just returned ^{as a visit to} Cambodia during which he had surveyed certain aspects of public administration and civil service training there. A bilingual secretary, who has experience in teaching stenography and typing, has been provided for him under the Colombo Plan and will also assist Miss Leblanc in the training of local clerical and secretarial personnel.

ECAFE: The report on the seminar which was held in Rangoon in March of this year appeared as a sales document late in November under the title "Some Problems in the Organization and Administration of Public Enterprises in the Industrial Field". It contains selected documents from the material that was prepared for the seminar.

Egypt: Mr. H. Nissen, Norwegian expert in organization and methods, has arrived in Cairo where he is to give a course in organization and methods at the Public Administration Institute.

Nicaragua: Mr. J.D.M. Smith, British public finance expert, whose contract was recently extended for a year, left Managua for England on home leave. As suitable measures have been taken by the Government for the organization of a Budget Office and for the improvement of budget procedures, he will return to Nicaragua early in 1955.

Turkey: Miss L. Talloen (Belgium), who will teach personnel administration at the Institute of Public Administration, and Mr. E. Olsson (Sweden), who will direct a course in organization and methods, arrived in Ankara in November. The courses of the second regular session of the Institute started on 15 November 1954.