

I.D.S. News

The Institute and Staff

The most important event at the Institute since the last edition of the Bulletin was the opening of the Andrew Cohen Building by the new Minister of Overseas Development, The Right Honourable Richard Wood, on 30 June. This was his first official duty as Minister. The 200 guests included Mrs. Wood, M.P's from the 'Overseas Aid Lobby', members of the Governing Body and Associates of the I.D.S., Officials from O.D.M. and other government departments, and other friends of the Institute. After a buffet lunch, the ceremony took place on the terrace outside the Common Room; the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Asa Briggs, introduced Dudley Seers, and the Minister to the guests. Following the ceremony a short programme of discussions was organised on a number of the on-going research projects being undertaken at the Institute. Members of the academic staff were available to discuss their work and research. There was also an exhibition of East African art.

There are changes amongst the staff; Barry Peters has taken over as Administrative Assistant in charge of communications. He is a graduate of Princeton and has been working in the U.K. for about a year, part of the time at the London School of Economics. Anne Zammit has joined Michael Lipton as Research Officer on his Village Studies Programme after working in Latin America. Henry Bernstein leaves in August to take up a Lectureship in Social Sciences Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Kent. Miss Chris Morton, our housekeeper, leaves at the end of August. Douglas Ashford returns to the States and Robert Parker returns to Australia, both having completed their year as visiting Fellows.

Overseas Work and Travel

Clive Bell and Jonathan Seagrave have returned from field work for their respective projects in India, and David Lehmann has returned from field work in Chile. Mick Moore has left for a three month visit to India and the Far East doing field work for the Village Studies Project. Leonard Joy spent a month at

University College, Nairobi, doing work on Project Evaluation at the request of the Kenya Government. Hans Singer spent two weeks in Bangkok for the International Labour Office, helping to set up the Asian Manpower Plan, which is the Asian equivalent of the Ottawa Plan for Latin America. Dudley Seers attended the European Conference of the Society for International Development in Cologne on 3/4 May. At this meeting he retired as World President of the S.I.D. having served in this office for two years. He and Leonard Joy also attended the O.E.C.D. conference for Directors of Social and Economic Development Research and Training Institutes, held near Montreal 12 to 17 July.

New Projects

Brian Johnson, with funds from the Carnegie Endowment, has now started work on research into inter-governmental co-ordination problems of U.N.D.P. to see what steps can be taken towards its policy centralization and operational decentralization. This follows the recommendations of the Jackson Report. He is working at I.D.S. under Hans Singer, in co-operation with the Institute for the Study of International Organisations at the University of Sussex.

Hans Singer is supervising three short-term projects for various U.N. Agencies; he is preparing a concise document for the Advisory Committee on Science and Technology, collecting data on small scale industries in least developed countries for U.N.I.D.O. and is preparing a paper for O.E.C.D. on the incentives of the international corporation to transfer technology to under-developed countries in Europe.

Courses, Seminars and Conferences

The first course to use the new residential wing of the Andrew Cohen Building was Aid Administration Course VI (4 to 15 May 1970). This was directed by John White, and Andrzej Krassowski of O.D.I., and was attended by 17 officials drawn chiefly from O.D.M. and from the F.C.O. Mr. Olaf Murelius, of the Swedish International Development Authority also attended, and all participants and staff agreed on the value of having somebody with an "outside" eye present.

Study Seminar 13 on Local Administration for Development (17 May to 27 June) was directed by Douglas Ashford (due to illness Bernard Schaffer was unable to participate as co-director in the Seminar). This was a comparatively small seminar with eighteen participants. The use of lectures was reduced; they served only to introduce the three broad problems which were then discussed in fuller detail in workshops, for which the seminar was divided into three regional groups, West Africa, East and Southern Africa and South Asia.

Study Seminar 14 on Employment, Unemployment and Underemployment in Developing Countries (1 July to 12 August) directed by Hans Singer is in progress as the Bulletin goes to press. This seminar is also doing much of its study in workshops, grouped for the first part of the seminar on a geographical basis; an essential tool for the Latin American group is the report of the Colombia Mission. From 18 to 26 July, the Seminar visits the I.L.O. Headquarters in Geneva. Members of the I.L.O. Staff, particularly those involved with the World Employment Programme, have co-operated closely with I.D.S. in the preparation of this seminar.

In conjunction with the Centre for European Studies, Michael Lipton organised a two-day conference from 2 to 5 July to discuss the implications for the Developing World of Britain's entry into the Common Market. This was attended by thirty participants (both from Europe and The Third World) closely concerned with this question.

Future Events

Study Seminars

SS15 The State Corporation (16 August to 26 September 1970)
Director: Brian Van Arkadie.

Following differences of view regarding the contents of the brochure, the Ministry of Overseas Development is not making available technical assistance Fellowships for this Study Seminar. Nevertheless, the Institute intends to proceed with the Seminar. In general, the Institute expects that governments nominating study fellows will meet most or all of the costs from their own resources, but in cases of difficulty, the Institute will be prepared to waive fees and charges for accommodation. The

brochure was very late in being distributed and applications are very low. However, the Institute feels that worthwhile discussions will be possible even if the group is very small; some changes will be made in the teaching methods adopted if this is the case. More emphasis will be put on written and tutorial work than is possible with a larger seminar group.

SS16 Food and Nutrition (30 September to 12 November 1970) Director: Leonard Joy.

This seminar aims:

- i) to provide an effective approach to the diagnosis and specification of the problem of nutrition policy for any particular country.
- ii) to formulate the sequence of operations necessary to the formulation and evolution of a satisfactory nutrition policy.

Some of the topics to be covered are theory of protein/calorie requirements; dietary evaluation; balance sheet and other approaches to the assessment and prediction of nutrition problems; problems in gaining a national view of nutrition; the role of various types of micro-studies and other sources of evidence for this diagnosis and for the evaluation of nutritional problems of particular categories of people (e.g. subsistence farmers, urban workers, children) and of particular situations (chronic and acute poverty, weather vagaries, rapid change in socio-economic status) and of policies for meeting these; least-cost diet analysis; the organisation of data collection and analysis for nutrition policy formulation.

Applications will be welcomed from nutritionalists with specialist knowledge, senior government administrators from countries involved in the formulation of nutrition policy, and some junior officers preparing themselves to take greater responsibility.

The seminar is being prepared and run jointly by the I.D.S. and the Nutrition Division of the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organisation.

SS17 Project Evaluation and Planning (15 November to 19 December 1970) Directors: Leonard Joy and George Irvin.

The Seminar is designed to meet the needs of individuals having substantial responsibility for the design and administration of policy at any one of the various stages of project planning. Participation will not be limited to specialists in techniques of project evaluation, though some training in economics will, of course, be an advantage. Candidates will be selected on the basis of the amount of practical experience and degree of responsibility they have in the area of project planning, and care will be taken to ensure a balance between participants having different roles in this process.

This seminar is designed with the following objectives in mind:

to give participants a working knowledge of the language and techniques of project planning and to set project planning in the wider perspective of overall Plan formation.

to develop a critical understanding of current methods of project evaluation through the use of a number of case studies drawn from agriculture, industry, power and transport.

to consider various aspects of project finance, both domestic and external, and examine critically the practices and procedures for obtaining project aid.

to improve decision making through giving participants a clearer notion of the sequence of decisions involved in project planning, the sorts of questions which are necessary to ask at each stage, and the sorts of information necessary to answer these.

SS18 The Aid Recipient (3 January to 13 February 1971) Director: John White.

The purpose of this seminar is to examine the implications of alternative aid strategies, in terms of:

1. the kinds and amounts of aid likely to be received
2. the impact on recipients' policy-making processes, and on the process of development itself.

The seminar will identify the ways in which developing countries can best use the room for manoeuvre that they have; it will examine the political and other constraints within which bilateral donors and international agencies are working; and it will suggest techniques for making the best use of the aid that developed countries provide. It will also look at some of the pitfalls in aid and will consider how a country can best decide whether aid should be refused or accepted.

The seminar is intended for officials involved in the preparation of requests for aid, especially in ministries of finance and external affairs, and in planning offices. Applicants will normally only be considered if they have experience in this field, but an exception will be made in the case of applicants who will shortly be engaged in aid negotiation.

New Publications by IDS staff

The following papers have appeared in the Institute Joint Reprint Series since January:

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| No. 31 | Problems of Agricultural Administration and Extension Services. | J. L. Joy |
| No. 32 | Farm Price Stabilisation in Underdeveloped Agricultures: Some Effects of Income Stability and Income Distribution. | M. Lipton |
| No. 33 | The Other Ways in which Rich Countries Affect Development. | D. Seers |
| No. 34 | A Commonwealth of Interests: Prospects for Commonwealth Co-operation and Planning. | M. Lipton |
| No. 35 | The Modernizer as a Special Case: Japanese Factory Legislation. | R. Dore |
| No. 36 | Interdisciplinary Studies in Less Developed Countries. | M. Lipton |
| No. 37 | Market Place and Marketing System: Towards a Theory of Peasant Economic Integration. | S. Forman
J.F.Riegelhaupt |
| No. 38 | Family Relationship of Deprived and Non-Deprived Kikuyu Children from Polygamous Marriages. | Julius I.
Carlebach |

The following papers have appeared in the Institute Communication Series since January:

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| 1/- | No. 50 | "An Accounting System for Projections in a Specialised Exporter of Primary Products." | Dudley Seers |
| 2/6 | No. 51 | "Empire and Social Engineering" | D. A. Low |
| 2/6 | No. 52 | "Population, Land and Decreasing Returns to Agricultural Labour" (Joint Reprint Series No. 2). | Michael Lipton |
| 2/6 | No. 53 | "The Limits of French Technical Assistance in Senegal". | Rita Cruise O'Brien |
| 2/6 | No. 54 | "Keynesian Models of Economic Development and Their Limitations: An Analysis in the light of Gunnar Myrdal's "Asian Drama". | Hans Singer |

Towards Full Employment (A Programme for Colombia prepared by an Inter-Agency Team organised by the International Labour Office).

This report of the work undertaken earlier this year in Colombia by a team under the direction of Dudley Seers, which also included Emanuel de Kadt and Richard Jolly, has now been published in English and Spanish editions by I.L.O., Geneva.

The Politics of Money by Brian Johnson (Fellow of the Institute for the Study of International Organisations) published by John Murray (U.K) and McGraw-Hill (U.S.A.). This book describes the basic characteristics of money and the role it has played from ancient times to the present day, when national Governments are struggling to find ways of creating it internationally without chaos.