

IDS NEWS

by Barry Peters*

CEYLON MISSION

The Institute is once more heavily involved in one of the pilot projects of ILO's World Employment Programme -- this time the Asian pilot project, which is taking place in Ceylon. Apart from the Director, Ron Dore, Richard Jolly and Michael Lipton are taking part, and so is Rafie Kaplinsky who has been working as a research assistant at IDS. A number of other people connected with the Institute are also involved - K.N. Raj, a member of the Institute's Governing Body and Director of the Delhi School of Economics; Oscar Braun a former Fellow now with the Torcuato Di Tella Institute in Buenos Aires; and Professor Duccio Turin, Professor of Building at University College, London, one of the Institute's Associates.

The mission is on about the same scale as that for Colombia, drawing again on about a dozen international agencies for resources (to supplement the basic budget provided by UNDP).

The planning of the mission has left more time for preparatory work than was the case for Colombia; preliminary meetings have taken place during the winter in Geneva and at IDS. Small preliminary surveys were carried out in Ceylon to supplement other sources of information. The fieldwork ran from March 25 (for the bulk of the mission) until the end of April. It was somewhat hampered by the curfew due to the insurrection which broke out early in April, but this has given added point to the urgency of tackling the country's social problems, particularly unemployment. Editorial work will start in June at Divonne in France (near Geneva).

COMINGS AND GOINGS OF IDS MEMBERS

Barbara Lloyd, who is a University lecturer in Social Psychology and now a Fellow of IDS, recently returned from a 6 week research visit at the University of Ibaden, Nigeria in connection with her pilot study

on Yoruba Family Building. As Barbara describes her research, "part of it was designed to utilize data which had been collected as part of Dr. Margaret D. Janes' longitudinal study of physical growth being undertaken at the Institute of Child Health in the University of Ibadan. In this study Dr. Janes compares the development of children from a traditional quarter of Ibadan, Oje Market, with that of children who have highly educated parents. The second part of this pilot research is based upon interviews with parents of the children of both groups. These interviews examine variables such as ideal number of children, preferred sex and spacing as well as fundamental attitudes toward child bearing, sterility, family limitation and in a narrow sense, towards sexuality. Thirty educated women, 20 Oje women and a sample of husbands of these women were interviewed in so far as time and cooperativeness on the part of men permitted."

Among the many outside engagements of Hans Singer which reflect his and IDS concerns with the problem of unemployment and underemployment in developing countries, was Hans's trip in late April to the ILO headquarters in Geneva. There, he participated in the early preparation of the coming ILO mission to Kenya, the third such inter-agency effort embraced by the World Employment programme (after Colombia and Ceylon).

VISITING IDS

Four short-term visitors have arrived at IDS since February for stays ranging between a month and half a year. Early in February, Professor Oktay Yenal came to IDS from his position as Dean of the School of Economics and Business Administration in Robert College, Istanbul; with Hans Singer, he will be researching Protection in relation to Trade. In April, Robert Adler arrived; he is financed by US AID with whom he has been stationed in Chile, developing a macro-economic model, and studying industrial activity in the economy. David Henry, comes to IDS after living in India for over 5 years and he will soon be settling in East Africa on another assignment with UNICEF. David's work is an extension of Leonard Joy's concerns in the Food and Nutrition Planning field; specifically he is researching the feasibility of creating over the next 10 to 20 years, facilities to produce, in developing countries, weaning foods for the population between the ages of 6 and 36 months. David is also looking into alternative possibilities for meeting the

nutritional needs of infants. In May, Robert Olivero, who is a Senior Visiting Fellow at the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, came to IDS for a month to continue research on localisation, institutional change, and the planning process in Lesotho.

INFORMATION

The Village Studies Programme, at the IDS has been collecting since October 1969 socio-economic studies of individual village communities in less developed countries. By the end of the 1970-1971 academic year there will be available an annotated index to the contents of those studies which will total up to 3000 entries. At least half of the material will refer to India and Pakistan. This represents a unique collection of micro-level data.

The programme team will be using this material for a cross-cultural study of demography, labour utilisation and migration at the village level. The data available could have a wide range of other uses. In particular, it is clear that there is sufficient reliable data for supervised research focusing on inter-village differences in the effects of (a) primary schools and (b) co-operative credit. Theses based on this material would fit well into Ph.D. programme in economics or sociology.

Neither the Village Studies Programme nor the IDS has available finance to support a Ph.D. student. We would, however, make the material available, and in appropriate cases provide a supervisor, for a suitable student. Contact Michael Lipton, IDS.

Many hundreds of letters and questionnaires have been posted in the last 2 months from IDS in connection with the second yearly compilation of the Register of UK Research related to Development Studies. The questionnaire is intended to cover current and proposed research primarily in the social sciences, although the field of development studies should be interpreted fairly broadly. We intend to print an indexed compilation of the data by the 27th September when IDS is sponsoring a Development Studies Conference open to all people doing related research in the UK. If this register applies to you as a faculty member or graduate student, and you have not received a form for the Register, please notify me at IDS.

THE PAST FOUR MONTHS AT IDS

Beginning in February, and continuing over two University terms the topic of a series of Thursday afternoon seminars has been "Income Distribution and Inequality in Relation to Development". In the first week of the series, Emanuel de Kadt, Fiona Wilson and David Slater outlined some approaches to the problem of regional income inequality in Colombia, seen in connection with their research project just underway. The first term was organised by Richard Jolly to include seminars on "General concepts and theories" and "key mechanisms and linkages". In this term, Robin Murray has scheduled a range of seminars, the concluding four being (subject to changes):

17th June	Clive Bell, IDS	Distribution and Growth
24th June	Sunday Uner, IDS Visiting Fellow	Distribution & a Transitional Mode of Production: Rural Turkey
1st July	Dudley Seers, IDS	The Economics of Income Distribution in Ceylon
8th July	<u>Concluding, Open Review Session.</u>	

On April 1st, fourteen players assembled for the first run of the multi-stage version of the competitive, policy decision-making game, CODEX N. A contingent of game participants doing their Masters course in Public Administration travelled to IDS from the Institute of Social Studies, the Hague, with their Professor John Roberts, and lecturer V.V. Moharir. CODEX N is both an exercise in bargaining and coalition forming and a demonstration of the relation between decision rules and policy outcomes. It takes as its scenario, the allocation of budgetary funds among interested groups and sectors. For the next playing, the game will be taken to the University of Bradford.

COURSES, CONFERENCES and SEMINARS.

A one-day Conference was held at the IDS on March 24th in preparation of an inventory of British research in science and technology specifically relevant to the developing countries. The March meeting was a sequel to the Conference at the University of Bradford where consideration was given to the role of British universities in development and is a response to issues being raised

by the UN and also the Pearson Report. The preparation of the conference was in the hands of Chris Freeman and Geoffrey Oldham of the Science Policy Research Unit, and Hans Singer of IDS.

The first conference to be organised by one of the IDS four Problem Area Groups was programmed for May 28th by the members of INTERPAG, the group interested in relationships between rich and poor countries. Papers from 9 authors were available in advance. The four sessions arranged were: Models of the International System; Corporate Capital; Financial Capital; and Dependence and Policies of Independence. Robin Murray, principally, set the programme; Hans Singer was in the chair.

Twenty-two English-speaking participants from four continents on the Commercial Policy Course organised by GATT (with financial assistance from the UNDP) heard several talks at IDS on May 27th. Their 4½ month course is based in Geneva. Topics covered at IDS included: Effects in the Third World when Great Britain joins the Common Market; the Multi-National Corporation; and Transfer of Technology.

At IDS in mid-May, about 30 staff officers of the British Council attended daily sessions for the third week of a 4-week course focussing on the context in which their work takes place. It was the first time this programme has been held at IDS; Richard Jolly, who organised the week's teaching, expects that this involvement will continue yearly. The group meetings were structured around three subject units: Perspectives on recent development experience; Education and Technology; and Aid analysis and policy.

Study Seminar 24: MACROECONOMIC PROJECTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. 7th November - 4th December 1971.

Director: Clive Bell, IDS.

The central purpose of this seminar is to examine critically existing techniques and frameworks for macro-economic projections, to widen the discussion of why it is important to project beyond GDP and the balance of payments to income distribution and employment, and to relate the activity of making projections to the planning process as a whole.

The content of the course falls under four main headings as follows:-

1. Techniques and their planning context.
2. Operational applications.
3. Case studies.
4. Games and simulations.

The seminar is intended primarily for people working in planning ministries and units, ministries of finance, central banks and university research bureaux involved in projection work. It is also hoped that some people from government institutions who use the output of such activities will attend, although it will be preferable if they possess an adequate technical background. British Government Technical Assistance Awards will be available to cover the cost of travel, accommodation, maintenance and seminar fees, together with certain incidental expenses.

CALENDAR FOR COMING MONTHS AT IDS

2nd June - 7th July	Study Seminar 20: Organisation for Exports. Director: Angus Hone (of UNCTAD/GATT)
11th July - 14th Aug.	Study Seminar 21: Development at the Local Level Director: Dr. Peter Lloyd.
7-9th September	Conference: Macro-economic Techniques of Planning. Director: Clive Bell
12-16th Sept.	Conference: Urban Unemployment in Africa Director: Richard Jolly & Rita Cruise-O'Brien
20th Sept.- 16th Oct.	Study Seminar 23: Policies for Science and Technology in Relation to Economic Development Director: Charles Cooper & Geoffrey Oldham (SPRU)
27-29th September	Conference: UK Researchers on L.D.C.s Director: Richard Jolly
18th - 23rd Oct.	Aid Administration Course Director: John White
25th Oct.- 2nd Nov.	Inter-region Seminar: Major Administrative Reform in Developing Countries (organised by UN Public Administration Division and UK

government (ODA))

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