

I.D.S. News

STAFF

Most staff changes took place at the beginning of the academic year and were reported in the last Bulletin. However, we have been joined since then by Zoe Allen, a Research Assistant working with the Public Administration Training Research Project (PATRP). She has been doing an M. Phil. at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London on ideology and policy formation in India with particular reference to land reform and agrarian policy, and has been teaching at the University of Surrey and the Sir John Cass College in London. Henry Bernstein, who last year was reading for a M.Sc. and at the same time acted as a Graduate Tutor in Sociology at LSE, is working with Emanuel de Kadt as Research Assistant. Paul Collins has taken the post of Research Officer while writing up field work he recently completed in Tanzania on the working of the rural development fund. Rita Cruise O'Brien started working at the Institute in January as a Fellow in Sociology. She recently completed her Ph.D. at LSE on The French of Senegal: The Behaviour and Attitudes of a White Minority in Africa, (based on research in Senegal in 1966/67). Christopher Sly is now with IDS as printer and designer. John White, formerly a Research Officer at the Overseas Development Institute has become our Director of Seminars. Derek Woodroffe has been appointed as our third Administrative Assistant with special responsibility for servicing research projects. He has been with the Royal Army Education Corps running education centres in Nigeria, Malaya, Hong Kong and Bornea. Francine Spencer and Sylvia Stenning, who both played a considerable part in the production of the Bulletin, have left IDS to have babies.

Martin Hoskins has returned from field work in Kosi, Bihar, and John King from Mauritius. Hamza Alavi has returned to England from Pakistan; David Lehmann hopes to be back from Chile in mid-February.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL AND WORK

Clive Bell has resumed field work on alternative policy strategies in employment and output in Kosi, Bihar, and Paul Kennedy has returned to the University of Accra in Ghana to continue his work on management and enterprise in the public and private sectors. In the autumn term a number of staff were overseas for varying lengths of time. In November Brian Van Arkadie attended the meeting of the East African Working Party on Industrial Programming Data organised by UNIDO in Nairobi. Our Librarian Michael Rogers participated in the International Symposium on a Development Information Clearing House in Berlin. Hans Singer did a considerable amount of work on employment both with ILO in Geneva and at OECD in Paris.

Dudley Seers spent a week in Havana in October which resulted in an agreement being reached that a team of between four and six people should undertake research on social and economic development since the Revolution. It is expected that Dudley Seers himself, with Richard Jolly and Emanuel de Kadt, will form the IDS element of the team which will begin work in Cuba in 1971. These same three members of our staff are also involved in the ILO Mission on Employment in Colombia, which is being undertaken at the present time - January and February 1970. Dudley Seers is leading the team of some 15 persons, mainly economists but including another sociologist in addition to Emanuel de Kadt. Experts in public administration, health and statistics are among others taking part. Other international organisations are also giving support. The main team is to spend about five weeks in Colombia. The request for the mission was made to the ILO by the President of Colombia, Carlos Lleras Restrepo. He envisages it as part of a national effort to provide employment. The Ministry of Planning will co-ordinate the mission and a number of ministries and public and private organisations in Colombia will be involved. The mission's objective will be to provide work not only for those currently unemployed, but to

develop long range plans for employment and training of the rapidly growing work force. For the ILO this is an important pilot project in the World Employment Programme which was launched in 1969. It is hoped that it will be the first of several country studies.

FUTURE EVENTS:

STUDY SEMINARS

15th February - 21st March 1970

Study Seminar 12: Financial Resources for
Economic Development II

(Director of Studies: Michael Lipton)

Following a large number of applications 30 participants are being selected for this Seminar mainly from Planning and Finance Ministries. It is expected that during the first week participants will be identifying the financial requirements as indicated by the plans of a number of countries which will be studied later by the syndicate groups. During the second and third weeks they will look at domestic and foreign sources of development finance from the point of view of their own particular work. Discussion in the remaining two weeks will be based on the allocation of resources, picking up in particular points that have arisen during the first three weeks of the Seminar.

17th May - 27th June 1970

Study Seminar 13: Local Administration for
Development

(Directors of Studies: Douglas Ashford and
Bernard Schaffer)

This will be the first Study Seminar to take place in the Institute's new building on the University campus, where residential accommodation will be available. It takes as its starting point the premise that successful development policies need to be concerned with

local government and local administration. The Seminar hopes to examine the ways in which local autonomy and decentralization emerge or are imposed, and how they may be employed in the change and improvement of institutions in developing countries. Attention will be paid to the problems of encouraging local leadership, providing an effective voice for localised authorities in larger development plans, and effectively communicating locally perceived needs to central government.

The Seminar will begin with consideration of major themes, by means of lectures and panel discussions. Thereafter the bulk of the work will be done in workshop sessions, and in individual projects on specific problem areas. There are plans for the Seminar to spend some time in Paris visiting French institutions undertaking policy research on local administration for development. Visits to British government departments are also being planned.

Applications will be welcomed in particular from administrators concerned with policy of local government change, the integration of projects and plans designed to expand the role of sub-national governmental units; also from officials concerned with regionally based public corporations, urban re-organisation and development agencies, and rural or regional development programmes. Further details and application forms on request.

1st July - 13th August 1970

Study Seminar 14: Employment, Unemployment and Underemployment in Developing Countries

(Director of Studies: Hans Singer)

The unemployment problem is complex and wide ranging in its implications for policy. The Seminar hopes to look at the policy and planning implications of the following issues:

- overall economic strategy including objectives and trade-offs, with an analysis of national technologies, taking account of international influences;

- wages, incomes, and price policies;
- rural-urban migration;
- population policy;
- the role, costs and benefits of employment - creating public works and social measures to ease the unemployment problem.

The Seminar will cut across the conventional specialisations of development planning, giving planners an opportunity to study the integration of employment with other objectives, and those concerned with special problems to see their work in a wider context. Participants will be able to work on problems of special interest to them and their countries. They will also visit the ILO in Geneva to hear about the World Employment Programme. Again the Seminar will work through lectures, discussions, small study groups and personal projects.

Applications are invited particularly from people whose work is concerned with planning decisions which have an impact on employment and unemployment; people in government departments specifically concerned with employment problems; and others whose work is concerned with the economic, social and political consequences of lack of employment and rising unemployment in developing countries.

Provisional dates: 16th August - 26th September 1970

Study Seminar 15: The State Corporation
(Director of Studies: Brian Van Arkadie)

This Seminar hopes to examine the development of effective state enterprise in strategic sectors of the economies of poor countries. The Seminar will examine the extent to which greater state control of decisions can be effective in achieving development plan goals; it will consider the degree to which development of local capitalism may contribute to growth, or may interfere with development through effects not only on income distribution and consumption patterns but also on the future class structure.

The influence of external international economic forces will be considered as well as the effects of the growth of indigenous capitalism. The Seminar will also look at the economic and administrative relationships between the state corporation and foreign business; between the state corporation and overall planning activity; and at the state corporation's role with regard to management-worker relationships.

Further details will be available shortly, on request.

PROVISIONAL

30th September - 5th November 1970

Study Seminar 16: Food and Nutrition Policy

To be run jointly with FAO.

15th November - 19th December 1970

Study Seminar 17: Project Evaluation and Planning

OTHER COURSES

4th - 15th May 1970

Aid Administration Course No. 6

Hopefully the first course in residence in the new building on the University campus.

STAFF SEMINARS

Spring Term

Seminars are held on Thursday afternoons throughout the term at 4.30 p.m. in the Seminar Room in Stanmer House. Tea is available at 4 p.m. The following Seminars have been arranged, and others are in a process of being confirmed:-

January 15 Martin Bell, Science Policy Research Unit,
University of Sussex and Charles Cooper,
Science Policy Research Unit and Fellow,
Institute of Development Studies. "Science,
technology and development in Thailand".

- January 22 John King, Fellow, Institute of Development Studies. "Mauritius, Malthus and Meade".
- January 29 Dr. Hans Singer, Fellow, Institute of Development Studies. "Problems of Employment and unemployment in connection with economic development".

RURAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

It is hoped that some seminars on aspects of rural development will be held on Mondays during the Spring Term, at 2.30 p.m. Details will be announced at IDS and in the Diary of Events of the University of Sussex.