

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ALAS: REGIONAL COUNCILS

The committee of presidents of the regional Councils of the Association for Latin American Studies which is investigating the reactivation of the parent organization has been contacted by, and will keep in touch with, the Joint Committee on Latin American Studies of the Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies, which through a sub-committee will look into the viability of an ALAS. Chairman of the Joint Committee is Robert N. Burr, UCLA.

CINFAC

The Department of the Army announced the establishment of the Counterinsurgency Information Analysis Center at the American University's Special Operations Research Office (SORO). Under contract with the Army, the American University has organized this facility to serve the specialized information needs of the entire Defense Department community, as well as those of other government agencies concerned with today's international politico-military problems. In accordance with Defense Policy, CINFAC will not only classify, store, and retrieve information, but, utilizing the scientific resources of SORO, will also provide agencies on what DOD calls the non-material aspects of counterinsurgency problems. The services of CINFAC are designed to supplement continuing SORO programs; the informational base and considerable research and analytical expertise within SORO will in turn be utilized by CINFAC.

IAPA

John R. Herbert, President of the Inter-American Press Association Technical Center, has announced the appointment of Guillermo Céspedes as Manager of the Technical Center. Mr. Céspedes is a Bolivian journalist who has been practicing his profession in Venezuela for the last 10 years. He has been professor at the University of Zulia School of Journalism in Maracaibo.

The IAPA Technical Center, Inc. was incorporated in 1957, as a separate entity to provide members, especially in Latin America, with technical and modern management information. It expanded activities in 1962 with a \$400,000 5-year appropriation from Ford Foundation, has organized several very successful seminars for Latin American members of the IAPA, distributed monthly bulletins in Spanish to all members in Latin America, and has been instrumental in publishing a bi-lingual Dictionary of Newspaper and Printing Terms.

INSTITUTO DE IDIOMAS YÁZIGI

The Yázigi Institute with headquarters in São Paulo and with 50 schools located in the country's main regions offers oral instruction in English, French,

German, Italian and Brazilian Portuguese as a foreign language. In São Paulo the Institute has 16 schools attended by 3,000 students. In December, 1964, the Institute held its first National Convention to discuss problems and express views on professional needs and aspirations. A 6-member National Advisory Committee was inaugurated. *Estudos*, a journal of theoretical and applied linguistics is published at Yázigí.

Plans for the near future include the establishment in São Paulo's Experimental School of a research-and-training center provided with an audio-visual laboratory in order to stimulate experimentation with different pedagogical approaches. Yázigí's Executive Board, as well as all those who are connected with the Institute, hope to change it into a non-profit organization.

THE INTER-AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAND AND WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

This Center has been established at Mérida, Venezuela under the auspices of the Organization of American States. The organization will be technically supported by Utah State University, and its director is Bruce H. Anderson.

LAND TENURE CENTER

The University of Wisconsin and the AID (Agency for International Development) signed a contract amendment to extend the Land Tenure Center to June 30, 1966. The amendment continued the program after May 10, 1965, when the former contract was due to expire and contained a statement of intent to continue the program an additional three years after 1966. Plans call for research in Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Bolivia, and Central America as well as research to be carried out on the campus of the University of Wisconsin.

PIAPUR

Inter-American Program for Urban and Regional Planning (Project 205 of the Program of Technical Cooperation of the OAS) at the Planning Institute of Lima, National Engineering University of Peru was organized by the General Secretariat of the OAS in cooperation with the Planning Institute of Lima.

Inter-american and regional in scope, PIAPUR offers a graduate education and research program and receives technical policy and planning guidance from Yale University. The first academic year of the Program began in April, 1962. It offers a full-time, 2-year course of graduate study and research leading to a Master's degree. PIAPUR began in 1959 when the Government of Peru requested the United Nations and the OAS to send a direct technical assistance mission to Peru to study jointly, with the staff of the Planning Institute of Lima, the possibility of reinforcing and expanding the Institute's facilities for research

and training in urban and regional planning. Agreement for support and implementation of the Program at the Planning Institute of Lima was signed in Washington on April 3, 1961, by representatives of the OAS, the Government of Peru and the National Engineering University. The purpose of PIAPUR is to produce professionally trained planners who are capable of dealing in a comprehensive and mature way with a wide range of urban and regional development problems in the countries of Latin America.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

An ad hoc inter-departmental committee to develop plans for a graduate program and Institute in Latin-American Studies at Rutgers has been established with the representation of the Departments of Romance Languages, History, Economics, Political Science, Geography and Sociology.

SICU

Servicios Internacionales de Cooperativas Universitarias is launching its first effort, a seminar on cooperative management at the National University of Nicaragua. SICU aims to promote the formation of student cooperatives serving Latin American University communities.

SOCIETY FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

The Society for Latin American Studies was formed in London on February 1, 1964, to promote the study of Latin America by providing facilities for an interchange of information and ideas and the coordination of activities by and between persons concerned with the study of Latin America. The Society publishes a Bulletin which furnishes information on visits to Latin America by members; details of anticipated visits by scholars from Latin America; series of articles on facilities for Latin American studies offered by various libraries of the United Kingdom; abstracts of material published abroad on Latin America; titles and notes on theses on Latin American subjects; information on Latin American programs of study in British universities; staff appointments and changes. Names of British professional Latin Americanists, their fields of interest and current research have also been circulated. A Journal of Latin American Studies is being considered.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI (Florida) LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Mose L. Harvey, Director of the Center for Advanced International Studies, is establishing an Institute of Inter-American Affairs at the University of Miami during the coming year under Robert E. McNicoll. This will expand the present program and augment the graduate studies.

VENEZUELAN CENTRE FOR TRAINING AND APPLIED RESEARCH IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Venezuelan Government has requested support from the UN Special Fund in establishing a National Centre for Training and Applied Research in Community Development. This Centre, located at the University of Oriente at Jusepín, is the result of a study conducted by the United Nations Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations. The UN Bureau reported that the rapid rate of economic and social change and the great mobility in Venezuela create conditions which require a different approach to community development. Knowledge of methods to direct and control such change is needed. Although Venezuela has taken the lead in establishing the Centre, trainees from all parts of Latin America will be accepted. Aside from training, the Centre plans to conduct action-research for the evaluation and improvement of community development methods, with reference to problems arising from social and economic changes. The Centre may be expected to carry out two research projects annually after the first year.

F O R U M

This section of the Newsletter in future issues will be devoted to the reader of the *Latin American Research Review*. This is the section where your ideas and opinions will be aired and letters to the editor printed. We invite you to express any suggestions you may have for improving the Review.

Please send news pertinent to events in Latin America. We are interested in reporting on all phases of study; minutes of meetings of societies; seminars; conferences; special classes and programs. Help us give you as complete coverage of research news in Latin American studies as possible.