

NEWS AND NOTES

THE INDIAN CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK

The Indian Conference of Social Work through its central office and the State branches has been co-operating fully in helping our country to mobilise its resources in order to meet the Chinese aggression. The central office has issued suggestions from time to time to State branches and supplied information of a helpful nature which would facilitate co-operation with the Government and other agencies working for national defence. Office bearers and members are on several committees formed by the Central and State Governments to deal with national emergency.

The Social Welfare Day was observed on February 20, 1963 by the Indian Conference of Social Work and its State and District Branches, throughout India. The theme for the day was "Mobilisation of Social Services in National Emergency". The Day was celebrated by our branches in a fitting manner with symposia, public meetings, seminars and other functions.

THE INDIAN CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK, MADRAS STATE BRANCH

This Branch is actively engaged in the conduct of a survey on "study of leisure-time activities and needs of teen-agers and university students". This survey has been entrusted to it by the Public Co-operation Department of the Government of India and the Madras Government under a grant. The aim of the study is to find out how far the modern education system is preparing individuals inside and outside the classroom into effective social adjustment, by providing them with specific needs congenial for their development at their teen-age period. The Research Team has completed interviews

with the students of the High School and are now engaged in interviewing College authorities.

ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK

At the request of the Ministry of Education, the Association has taken the work of preparing abstracts of Project Reports accumulated in the various Member Schools of Social Work in India. A small Committee has been appointed consisting of some Faculty Members from three Schools of Social Work in Bombay.

The second Seminar under the auspices of the Association will be held in the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay from 20th May to 25th May, 1963. The subject of the proposed Seminar is "*Use of Case Material as a Teaching Tool*". Mr. G. G. Dadlani, Dean of the Faculty of Social Work, M. S. University of Baroda, has been appointed Director of the Seminar for the year.

INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SERVICES, BOMBAY

In addition to the regular two-year programme, the School has sponsored three short-term courses. In the month of January, a course of six weeks' duration, two evenings a week was organised for the child care staff of children's institutions operating in this city. A two months' course of three mornings a week is being organised for committee members and volunteers of the Maharashtra State Women's Council at their request.

Mrs. M. Nambiar of the School Faculty has been selected for the Cleveland International Programme, and will leave for the United States in April.

"*Nirmal Seva*", students' professional annual has made its second appearance.

THE MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Mr. K. N. George, the Director of the School, has been selected by the Union Education Minister to be a Member of the Central Social Welfare Board as an Expert for the next three years.

The School Year is coming to a close with the Convocation of the School. This year the Convocation is to be held on 19th April when Her Excellency Smt. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Governor of Maharashtra, will be delivering the Convocation Address.

UDAIPUR SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Professor K. K. Jacob, the Director of Field Work, has been awarded the Cleveland International fellowship. He will be leaving for the United States in April.

Dr. H. L. Upadhyaya, former Officiating Principal and Director of Research of the School, has been appointed Reader in Economics in the Jodhpur University and he left the school in October 1962. The present Principal is now in charge of Research Department also.

The students and the staff of the School organised a programme of Variety Entertainment in aid of the National Defence Fund and collected Rs. 1,000/-.

INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, VARANASI

The U. P. Government Social Welfare Department had requested the Institute to provide orientation training to the officers of the Children Act Scheme and the first batch of the trainees consisting of Juvenile Court Judges, Reformation Officers and some other officers was received in August 1962. The training seminar was inaugurated by Shri Govind Sahai, Minister for Jails, Government of U. P. The faculty members and some officers of the Social Welfare Department addressed the trainees. The res-

ponsibility of directing the seminar was taken by Shri C. P. Goyal, who is in-charge of Correctional Social Work Training.

Miss Adeline Jiwanmall having left for the States for advanced studies, Miss Maya Peters has been appointed Assistant Professor.

The impact of Chinese aggression was markedly felt and students organised meetings and processions to mobilize and educate public opinion against the aggression. Students collected from themselves about Rs. 350/- for the National Defence Fund and about Rs. 600/- from the public.

Compulsory military training has been introduced at the Institute and one of the faculty members has been deputed for N.C.C. Officers' Training.

THE INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE ALUMNI OF SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK

An Association of the Alumni of Schools of Social Work has been in existence for the last ten years or so. But it was only in October 1961 that the Alumni of various Schools of Social Work who came to New Delhi to attend the session of the Indian Conference of Social Work decided to give a formal shape to the Association. A draft constitution prepared by the Delhi group was discussed and adopted after suitable modifications. Elections were also held at the same meeting. The Indian Association of the Alumni of Schools of Social Work was registered under the Societies' Registration Act, 1860. The Central Office is located at the Delhi School of Social Work.

The Indian Association of the Alumni of Schools of Social Work will work and contribute towards the growth of the profession of Social Work; will maintain and uphold professional standards; will assist in the training of social workers; will participate

in the formulation of social policy, will safeguard and advance the interests of trained social workers; will promote co-operation among social workers and will work to advance welfare in the country.

Persons who have successfully completed two years' post-graduate study from Schools of Social Work in India or abroad, recognized by the Association can become members on payment of Rs. 10/- a year.

The Association has brought out a quarterly journal registered under the name of *Social Work Forum*. Shri S. N. Ranade, Principal, Delhi School of Social Work has been elected Chairman of the Editorial Board and Dr. K. V. Sridharan has been appointed Editor. The journal will be supplied free of charge to the members of the Association.

TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dr. N. Viswanathan, M.A. (Delhi), M.S. (Columbia), Ph.D. (Columbia), has joined the Faculty of the Institute in the Department of Tribal Welfare. Dr. Viswanathan, who returned from the United States early in 1962 was previously appointed in the Institute for Tribal Welfare Officers deputed by several State Governments under the auspices of India's Scheme in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Dr. M. V. Moorthy, who was a member of the Faculty since 1943 and Head of the

Department of Labour Welfare, Industrial Relations and Personnel Management since its inception in 1948 left the Institute early in January 1963 to take up his appointment as Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work of the Andhra University in Waltair.

Mr. L. S. Kudchedkar who was transferred to the Faculty as Lecturer in the Department of Labour Welfare and Industrial Relations in July, 1961 has been officiating as the Head of the Department since Dr. Moorthy's departure and is assisted by Mrs. S. R. Panakal, Field Work Supervisor of the Department.

The Department of Labour Welfare and Industrial Relations organised an alumni study group' of 15 members to review the Labour training curriculum of the Institute. The Department has also planned a two week Refresher Course on *Modern Trends in Personnel Management* from 17th to 29th June 1963 at the Institute.

The 23rd Convocation of the Institute will be held on Thursday, 9th May 1963. Dr. Zakir Husain, Vice-President of India, has kindly consented to deliver the Convocation Address. Sir Homi Mody, Chairman of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, will preside over the Convocation.