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ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

United Nations

The Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985 adopted resolution 1985/30 of 29 May 1985 entitled "Co-ordination and information in the field of youth". This resolution again invited all United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional commissions and other international intergovernmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations concerned, to consider at their regular meetings appropriate ways and means for the improvement of co-ordination and information in the field of youth in the context of the observance of the International Youth Year and of the follow-up of future programmes devoted to youth. In addition, the Economic and Social Council resolved to consider, at its first regular session of 1986, on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General, achievements in co-ordination and information in the field of youth.

The General Assembly

The fortieth session of the General Assembly opened at Headquarters, New York, on 17 September 1985. The issue of youth will be dealt with under agenda items 89 and 95 which will be considered from 18 October to 25 October 1985 in the Third Committee.

This fortieth session of the General Assembly will have an appropriate number of plenary meetings devoted to policies and programmes related to youth and these meetings will be designated as the United Nations World Conference for the International Youth Year in accordance with resolution 39/22 of 23 November 1984. The Assembly will have before it documents on the situation of youth; guidelines recommended by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth; channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations; and a progress report on the International Youth Year.

The United Nations Secretariat

Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs

The United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs (CSDHA), a part of the United Nations Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (DIESA), has encouraged co-operative efforts within the United Nations system and between Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and research institutes to promote programmes and activities for the benefit of youth. It has carried out research and analysis on policies and programmes in the field of youth and on channels of communication with youth and youth organizations in co-operation with intergovernmental bodies, and has prepared reports and studies in the context of the International Youth Year. By the end of 1985, studies will have been prepared on the situation of youth in the 1980s and prospects and challenges in the year 2000; the role of youth in the establishment of the new international economic order; national youth policies in developing countries; and channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations. During 1985, the Centre has continued to encourage and promote the establishment of national co-ordinating committees or other such mechanisms in countries that do not already have them. It also continues to assist Member States in: (a) establishing national priorities concerning youth; (b) initiating specific national

programmes of action within the framework of the Year; and (c) increasing the capability of national co-ordinating mechanisms. A directory of national co-ordinating committees and a programme of activities have been published.

The Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs has a mandate to arrange support for national activities where this is requested; to encourage fund-raising at all levels and from all levels, particularly for the benefit of underprivileged youth; and, in addition, to encourage an increasing flow of financial support to projects benefiting youth in developing countries. The United Nations Trust Fund for the International Youth Year, which has been set up, has as its basic objectives: (a) to assist in establishing or strengthening planning capacities for youth; (b) to implement technical assistance projects; and (c) to support technical co-operation and information exchange among all countries. Its general intention is to assist young people in the developing countries and particularly in the least-developed countries. The Trust Fund is administered according to the United Nations financial rules and regulations and the specific provisions concerning trust funds. The United Nations Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs is Programme Manager for the Trust Fund and he will approve the activities to be supported from the resources of the Trust Fund.

Considerable progress has already been achieved in the funding of activities for the International Youth Year through Trust-Fund resources. In addition to contributions in kind, voluntary contributions and pledges have already been received of approximately \$300,000* from Governments, non-governmental organizations and the public, including receipts from the use of the logo and interest income.

In the Latin American region, consultancy services were provided in co-operation with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) to undertake studies of the situation of youth in Brazil, Chile and Uruguay, as well as to co-finance a seminar in the Andean countries, an expert group meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the second regional meeting on the International Youth Year in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Other technical co-operation projects to be carried out in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Western Asia have been processed for funding. A monthly news-sheet on the Year entitled Channels has been produced and distributed to national co-ordinating committees and other interested organizations with partial funding from the Trust Fund.

To date, 123 projects have been reviewed by a special committee within the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in Vienna, of which 32 have been recommended for funding and 14 have already been funded to a total value of \$150,000.* More than 30 projects have been finalized for the International Youth Year Trust Fund "Project catalogue", which is now in preparation.

Another major activity of the Centre in 1985 has been the preparation and organization of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

*References to dollars (\$) are to United States dollars unless otherwise stated.

which was held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 15 to 27 July 1985. The work of the World Conference was carried out in a plenary session and two main committees, meeting simultaneously. Seven days were spent in the plenary session in general debate on progress made and obstacles encountered in achieving the goals of the Decade, equality, development and peace, while the Committees devoted nine days to the topic of forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women and to the draft resolutions. A total of 153 Government representatives, as well as representatives of intergovernmental organizations, United Nations bodies and agencies, non-governmental organizations and national liberation movements, participated in the general debate.

From 10 to 19 July, parallel to the Conference, a non-governmental forum on women's issues was held in Nairobi, drawing more than 13,000 participants from all over the world. Close to 1,000 workshops were held at the University of Nairobi on various themes. Forum participants representing non-governmental organizations that have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council attended the World Conference as observers.

At the conclusion of the Nairobi World Conference, the major document on strategies to improve the status of women over the next 15 years was adopted by consensus. The final version of the document was renamed "The Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women". (See A/CONF.116/28) The document contains future strategies for Governments, non-governmental organizations and others to follow after the United Nations Decade for Women ends this year. One chapter is devoted to areas of special concern. This emphasizes that there is an increasing number of groups of women who have specific difficulties due to a combination of factors in addition to the common problems experienced. In the case of young women, it was pointed out that in the year 2000 most of the women between 15 and 24 years of age in developing countries will be out of school and in search of jobs. For those who find employment, exploitation, long working hours and stress will frequently have serious implications for their health. Special retraining programmes should be developed for young women who lack qualifications and are ill-equipped to enter productive employment. Steps should be taken to eliminate exploitative treatment of young women at work in accordance with the International Labour Organisation Convention concerning Discrimination in respect of Employment and Occupation (Convention No. 111, 15 June 1960).

The Centre was also actively involved in the organization of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders held at Milan, Italy from 26 August to 6 September 1985. These Congresses are held every five years to promote and strengthen international co-operation in the field of crime prevention and control. The six previous Congresses were held at Geneva (1955 and 1975); London (1960); Stockholm (1965); Kyoto (1970) and Caracas (1980).

The general theme of the Seventh Congress was "Crime prevention for freedom, justice, peace and development", which was divided into five major topics and two sub-topics to be discussed in plenary session and in two committees. The five main topics were: new dimensions of criminality and crime prevention in the context of development: challenges for the future; criminal justice processes and perspectives in a changing world; victims of crime; youth, crime and justice; and formulation and application of United Nations standards and norms in criminal justice. The two sub-topics were the fair treatment of women by the criminal-justice system and women as victims of crime.

The Seventh Congress was attended by 124 Member States and two national liberation movements as well as intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and organizations of the United Nations system. The Secretary-General of the Congress was Leticia Shahani, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs. The Executive Secretary was Minoru Shikita, Assistant Director in charge of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch. The Congress elected as its President Mino Martinazzoli, Minister of Justice of Italy.

Five resolutions relating to youth crime and justice were adopted by the Seventh Congress. Three were endorsed and two were adopted by the General Assembly at its fortieth session. These relate to comprehensive measures for:

- (a) The prevention of juvenile crime;
- (b) The treatment and handling of young persons in conflict with the law;
- (c) The protection of juveniles deprived of their liberty;
- (d) Care and assistance for those young persons who are marginalized, endangered or generally at "social risk";
- (e) Domestic violence.

The United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice (to be known as the Beijing Rules) were recommended and adopted by both the Congress and the General Assembly. The Beijing Rules are considered to be a major international instrument for the protection of young persons vis-à-vis justice systems and a significant contribution to the goals and objectives of the International Youth Year. (The draft resolution on the Beijing Rules is given in the annex.)

In the course of its deliberations, the Congress emphasized the need for a sharper criminal-policy focus on juvenile drug abuse, drug trafficking and drug-related crime, youthful violent crime, and on specific young populations in relation to juvenile justice systems, particularly young females, migrants, minorities and victimized or abandoned young people.

Youth statistics published for International Youth Year

The International Youth Year secretariat of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, in collaboration with the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat, has produced a pocket-book in English and French called Statistical Indicators on Youth as a contribution to the observance of International Youth Year. Produced with the co-operation of the specialized agencies of the United Nations system and with the financial assistance of Soka Gakkai, an international non-governmental organization in Japan, the book covers the years 1970, 1980 and 1985 for 172 countries or areas of the world. A colourful wall chart has also been produced which highlights selected statistical indicators on youth. Statistical indicators have been compiled in the fields of population composition and change; education, training and literacy; economic activity; family formation and fertility; and life expectancy and mortality.

For further information, write to: Director of the Statistical Office, United Nations, New York, NY. 10017, USA.

Film released in honour of International Youth Year

The Radio and Visual Services Division of the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) has released Being Young, a 27-minute colour film made for International Youth Year (1985). It illustrates the IYY theme: Participation, Development, Peace.

Being Young was filmed in Japan, Northern Ireland, Peru, Rwanda, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America and pays tribute to the spirit, enthusiasm and commitment of the young people of today. The film is available on loan from United Nations information centres and United Nations Development Programme film libraries in member countries.

For rental and purchase information or television clearance, apply to: the Promotion and Distribution Unit, RVS/DPI, United Nations, New York, NY. 10017, USA.

Division of Narcotic Drugs

The Division of Narcotic Drugs continues to focus issues of the Bulletin on Narcotics on particular subjects that reflect recent developments in drug-abuse control. The Bulletin is published quarterly as a sales publication in Arabic, English, French and Spanish. Selected articles are issued quarterly in Russian and summaries of all articles appear in Chinese twice a year.

The Division of Narcotic Drugs recently published a double issue of the Bulletin on Narcotics (Vol. XXXVII, Nos. 2 and 3, April-September 1985), which, in connection with International Youth Year, is devoted to the consideration of measures for coping with drug abuse among young people. The double issue contains an introductory article on the role of the IYY in tackling drug-abuse problems. There are two further parts. Part one contains nine articles presenting the results of research carried out in Canada, Egypt, India, Nigeria, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey and the United States on the nature and extent of drug-abuse problems among young people in specific social situations. Part two consists of 11 articles concerned with the promotion of measures to prevent and reduce drug abuse among young people in Belgium, Burma, Chile, France, Hong Kong, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as well as articles from several non-governmental organizations.

For further information, write to: Division of Narcotic Drugs, United Nations, Vienna International Centre, P.O. Box 500, A-1400 Vienna, Austria.

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Improving the situation of young people and motivating them towards more active participation in development in their own countries has great implications for overall development. However, because of financial constraints, some countries miss their opportunities for such youth training. A major concern of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is training a core group of youth leaders and workers, especially among the least developed, land-locked and sea-locked countries, where the need is greatest, and a major effort has been devoted to this in 1985. To this end, ESCAP plans to organize two training programmes in the Republic of Korea (October 1985) and Malaysia (April/May 1986).

ESCAP has also convened national and regional training workshops and seminars and has organized inter-country exchange field-study programmes for youth leaders and workers, programme administrators, planners and policy makers in the region.

For further information, contact: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, The United Nations Building, Rajadamnern Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand.

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) has continued to monitor and implement both the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities for the IYY and the Western Asia Regional Plan of Action on Youth. As a result, programmes for vulnerable subgroups of young people have been developed. ESCWA has also encouraged the establishment of national co-ordinating committees in 12 of the 14 Member States of ESCWA. Contacts have been established with national co-ordinating committees, regional offices of United Nations bodies and agencies, youth organizations and non-governmental organizations in order to increase the awareness of youth issues in the region. Moreover, advisory services in the area of training and youth leadership have been undertaken.

For further information, write to: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, P.O. Box 27, Baghdad, Iraq.

United Nations bodies

Office of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has responded to the International Youth Year by drawing attention to the situation of young refugees. In accordance with its mandate, UNHCR extends international protection to refugees and promotes measures for giving young refugees access to education, employment and a normal life. UNHCR has recently issued an International Youth Year catalogue presenting 37 projects in 25 countries, which aim to provide educational and vocational training for young refugees. An IYY poster has also been produced in several languages. The magazine, Refugees, has devoted a special issue to young refugees.

For further information, write to: The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

A film for International Youth Year

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has produced a film on the occasion of International Youth Year. The film, Caring, describes the life of 21-year-old Fawzi Jabr who returns as a counsellor to the annual Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) summer camp for refugee boys at the UNRWA training centre in Amman, Jordan, where he spent his childhood.

Caring is a 16 mm colour sound film with commentary in English, French, German and Arabic available on free loan or purchase from: UNRWA Public Information Division, P.O. Box 700, A-1400 Vienna, Austria.

United Nations University

Perspectives on youth

The preliminary results of a project organized by the United Nations University (UNU) as its contribution to International Youth Year were presented by co-ordinators and co-editors of the project at a meeting held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States of America, from 8 to 16 April 1985.

The final draft of a book on historical and contemporary concepts of youth in various regions of the world was presented at the meeting. The book, to be entitled Perspectives on Contemporary Youth, presents a broad range of views on the creative potential of youth in society and includes contributions from 25 scholars, each describing the situation and philosophy of youth in literature, religion and various world cultures. The book is intended to stimulate further research on youth and related issues and provide the basis for a perspective on youth to become a continuing aspect of the work of the UNU.

A series of tape-recorded interviews with young people on the themes of labour, learning and leisure has also been produced as part of this project. The interviews were compiled by regional co-ordinators and will be transcribed to present the views of young people directly. Another component of the project consists of a series of eight videotapes collected through another UNU project, the Village Video Network, which is promoting the use of video as a development tool and co-ordinates the exchange of videotapes produced by villagers who communicate their experience in finding solutions to common problems. The videotapes show how young people in Antigua, China, India, Indonesia, Mali and the United States view various aspects of life.

For further information, write to: United Nations University, Information Services, Toho Seimei Building, 15-1 Shibuya 2-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150, Japan.

United Nations Volunteers

IYY camp in Indonesia

An IYY Camp was held from 2 to 5 August 1985 in Jatibwu village Tanjungbirtang, Sub-District Lampung, sponsored by United Nations Volunteers. The aims of the camp were to make young people aware of the need for national development, to foster the feeling of unity among nations and to develop confidence in self-reliance through the exchange of knowledge and experience.

Participation was open to young people with experience in social work who after the completion of the camp were expected to return to their home areas and mobilize young people there.

Activities at the camp included discussions and lectures on the problems of unemployment and manpower, education and drop-out problems, participation of young people in national development, and family planning and social work in the community.

For further information, contact: United Nations Volunteers, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10.

Specialized agencies

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Caribbean youth in agriculture for International Youth Year

1985, as well as being International Youth Year, is also the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). In order to mark both of these significant milestones, the FAO is organizing a poster competition with the theme "Youth in agriculture", for youngsters in the Eastern Caribbean in the 14 to 18 age group.

The competition, organized by the FAO Eastern Caribbean Office in Barbados, will involve young people from Antigua-Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, all countries to which the Barbados-based office is accredited.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners and first runners-up. Winners will receive a prize trip to FAO headquarters in Rome to coincide with the twenty-third FAO conference in November and the special ceremony to celebrate the FAO anniversary. Arrangements are being made for winners to have an audience with the Director-General and, possibly, the Pope. Runners-up will be taken on an agricultural and historical tour of the United States. Both tours will last approximately one week. The work of the competitors will be displayed in their individual countries on 16 October, which is World Food Day.

Contact address: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Office of the FAO Representative, P.O. Box 631-C, Bridgetown, Barbados.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Barcelona Statement

The UNESCO World Congress on Youth, held at Barcelona, Spain, from 8 to 15 July 1985, was attended by 600 young people, experts, junior and senior governmental and non-governmental youth officials. The Congress discussed the following themes in three commissions: youth education and work; youth and cultural development; and youth, mutual understanding and international co-operation. Participants attached particular importance to the problems of the most disadvantaged young people; to promoting the education of young people for peace, mutual respect, solidarity, tolerance and understanding between peoples; to supporting initiatives by young people themselves; to increasing support for youth mobility and youth exchanges; and to involving young people in decision-making.

The Congress stressed that the interest aroused by both International Youth Year and the numerous IYY activities have shown clearly that dialogue and international co-operation are vital for achieving practical results.

The Congress adopted the Barcelona Statement which emphasized that the momentum of communication and exchange generated by International Youth Year must not cease at the end of 1985. The Barcelona Statement also emphasized the need to pursue national, regional and international initiatives.

"Governments and international organizations must continue treating the youth sector as one requiring priority and sustained attention, giving special consideration to implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth agreed by the United Nations Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year. Youth organizations must also shoulder their responsibilities in respect of making proposals for effective follow-up. Above all, however, young people must continue and intensify their active participation so as to make themselves heard and express their ideas about the future and their firm, serene and unshakeable determination to build a peaceful and just world."

For further information, contact: P. Vagliani, Chief, Youth Division, UNESCO, 7, place de Fontenoy, 75770 Paris, France.

International Telecommunication Union

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has organized an international drawing competition on the subject of "Youth in the electronic age". Entries will be judged by national juries and the best works will be submitted to the Union headquarters where an international jury will judge them. Prizes will be awarded and announced at Geneva during the Fifth World Telecommunication Exhibition in 1987.

For further information, write to: International Telecommunication Union, Place des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 20.

INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

Council of Europe organizes European Youth Week

European Youth Week took place from 1 to 6 July 1985 at Strasbourg, France, organized by the Council of Europe as a contribution to International Youth Year. The European Youth Week included a week-long training course in April at the European Youth Centre at Strasbourg. Thirty representatives of national youth councils and international youth organizations met to produce an agenda and framework for the European Youth Week. "The future of Europe" was the theme of the European Youth Week itself. During this, 500 youth representatives between the ages of 16 and 25 discussed the topics of lifestyles; racism and intolerance; peace and development; and jobs and education. The aim of the Week was to provide a platform for young people to present their ideas and plans for the future of Europe and an opportunity to formulate and present resolutions to the Council of Europe as a means of encouraging real youth participation in the decision-making process. A youth camp was organized in Strasbourg at the same time.

The First Youth Ministers Conference will be held at Strasbourg, France, between 16 and 19 December 1985. The participants in the Conference will be ministers from 21 Council of Europe countries, together with Finland and the Holy See. The overall theme of the Conference will be "The participation of young people in society". The three sub-themes of the meeting are to be: "The situation of young people", "Youth policies and encouragement of youth participation" and "Intensification of European co-operation in the youth field". Each of these themes will be introduced by a minister. A final communiqué will summarize the conclusions of the two days of discussions.

For further information, contact: European Youth Centre, 30, rue Pierre de Coubertin, F-67000, Strasbourg-Wacken.

The 74th Inter-Parliamentary Conference

The 74th Inter-Parliamentary Conference was held from 2-7 September 1985 at Ottawa, Canada, with representatives from 94 countries, six United Nations bodies and numerous intergovernmental organizations from Europe, Asia and Africa. There were 741 national delegates (including 459 members of parliament) and 40 observers. An agenda item of the Conference was the contribution of parliaments to the International Youth Year. A resolution on the full exercise of the right of youth to education, vocational training, work and social security was adopted without a vote. The resolution, in welcoming and appreciating International Youth Year, urged the parliaments and Governments of all nations, *inter alia*, to take firm steps to increase the active participation of youth in the building of a world based on peace, equity, justice, progress, security and co-operation; to implement large-scale employment programmes which would guarantee active youth participation in economic and social development; and to encourage adequate representation of young people in parliament, in Government and in other decision-making bodies.

For further information, contact: Inter-Parliamentary Union, Place du Petit-Saconnex, CH-1211 Geneva 19.

Winners of European Youth Competition 1985 for young composers

The European Youth Competition 1985 has been organized by the European Cultural Foundation (Amsterdam) with support from the European Soft Drinks Association. It was held under the auspices of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the President of the European Commission of the European Communities and marks both European Music Year and International Youth Year.

In Amsterdam on 13 and 14 June the three-person international jury of the European Youth Competition 1985 selected works for symphony or chamber orchestra to enter the final round of the competition. The scores were selected from the 115 eligible entries sent in from 23 European countries. Since it proved difficult for the jury to identify the "European" element in the scores, the choice was made in recognition of originality and talent. Entries were received from Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Yugoslavia. The winners had their world première at the prizegiving ceremony which was held in the Cultureel Centrum de Oosterpoort in Groningen, The Netherlands, on Friday 27 September 1985.

Commission of European Communities outlines action on youth problems

In its memorandum for International Youth Year, issued in July, the Commission of the European Communities outlined the main steps being taken to face up to the problems encountered by young Europeans in the areas of employment, education and training.

The Commission underlined the fact that the primary responsibility for improving the situation of young people rests with member States. However, the Commission will encourage rapid progress through the European Social Fund and its programme of consultation and policy-oriented research. In the next year, it will, inter alia, give priority within the European Social Fund to those programmes that include 40 hours of training broadly related to new technologies; make further proposals to improve the education and training of young people; encourage the co-operation of universities and industry in a major expansion of youth exchanges; encourage improvements in the management of labour markets; undertake discussions with enterprises in order to identify innovative approaches to the recruitment of young people; promote the development of local employment initiatives; encourage and support member States policy efforts to assist long-term unemployed young people; and help remove barriers to youth participation in the European community. The European Social Fund is setting aside three quarters of its available funds for training programmes for young people.

European Youth Convention held in Austria

The Austrian Federation of United Nations and UNESCO Clubs organized, with the support of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations, UNESCO and the Austrian authorities, a European Youth Convention at Rum, Austria, in August 1985 under the auspices of the President of the Republic, H.E. Mr. Rudolf Kirchschräger. Participants came from eight different European countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands and Portugal. The programme consisted of discussions of youth problems in the 1980s, participating in the construction of a children's playground, and a youth cultural festival.

Three working groups were formed to discuss the topics of Youth and Life, Youth and Work, and Youth and Society. Participants debated the reduction of working hours in Northern Europe to improve the employment situation and opportunities for cultural pursuits, leisure and family life. It was felt that young people must be given social orientation and a sense of achievement.

For further information, contact: Austrian Federation of the United Nations and UNESCO Clubs, Favoritenstr. 15, 1040 Vienna, Austria.

Geneva Informal Meeting

On 14 September, the 63rd session of the Geneva Informal Meeting of International Youth Non-Governmental Organizations (GIM) took place in Khalkis, Greece in conjunction with the annual session of the UNESCO collective consultation. The major issues under discussion were:

(a) Preparations for the United Nations World Conference on International Youth Year to be held within the framework of the fortieth session of the General Assembly;

(b) Progress achieved in the implementation of the IYY objectives by GIM members;

(c) Ideas and proposals related to the future programmes and activities of GIM.

It was agreed that the GIM statement, as adopted by the 62nd session of GIM with minor revisions, will be given maximum publicity.

International Youth Year national recognition plaques for scouts and guides

The World Organization of the Scout Movement and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have produced IYY national recognition plaques. The first recipients of these were announced at the 30th World Scout Conference (800 participants) held at Munich, Germany, from 15 to 19 July 1985. The winners included scout and guide organizations all over the world. The Scout Association of the United Kingdom was awarded a plaque for producing an IYY Action Guide and for intensifying the clear-water-supply project linking Venture Scouts in the United Kingdom and Sri Lanka. The Venture Scouts of Scotland have organized a project to promote health and hygiene by spending four weeks in July digging wells and latrines with the help of Sri Lankan Scouts and the local community. Other award recipients included the Scouts of Burkina Faso, the Guides and Scouts of Chile, the Scouts Association of Hong Kong, the Bharat Scouts and the Guides of India, the Boy Scout and Girl Scout Federation of Israel, the Qatar Boy Scout Association, the Swedish Guide and Scout Council, and the Scout Association of Venezuela.

For further information, write to: World Organization of the Scout Movement, Box 78, 1211 Geneva 4, Switzerland, or to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, World Bureau, Olave Centre, 12c Lyndhurst Road, London NW3 5PQ, United Kingdom.

Fédération internationale des jeunesses musicales promotes International Youth Year

To celebrate IYY and the International Year of Music, various activities such as competitions in composition, international symposia, workshops, international congresses, concerts by youth orchestras, festivals, and meetings of young people have been organized throughout the world. These have taken place in many countries including Argentina, Canada, the Congo, France, Japan, Madagascar, Malta, Singapore, Switzerland, Tunisia and Uruguay. The co-ordination of these activities falls under the International Music Council which has been organized by the Fédération internationale des jeunesses musicales and the International Commission for the IYY. The aim has been to promote music among young people.

For further information, contact: M. T. Galard, c/o Jeunesse musicales de France, 14 rue François Miron, 75004 Paris, France.

International Co-operative Alliance and young co-operators

Within the framework of the International Youth Year, the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA), in co-operation with the Supreme Co-operative Council of Poland, plans to organize a conference of young co-operators to be held in Warsaw, Poland, from 21 to 26 October 1985. The general theme of the conference is "Youth and the co-operative idea in a changing world". The conference will discuss the role and participation of youth in co-operative activities as well as co-operative education in various countries; the role of the co-operative movement in making youth sensitive to contemporary world problems; and collaboration between young members of different countries' co-operative societies. The conference will bring together young people from ICA member organizations in 70 countries.

For further information, contact: International Co-operative Alliance, Case Postale 862, CH-1211 Geneva 1.

Training symposium of the World Association of
Former United Nations Internes
and Fellows (WAFUNIF)

A symposium entitled "UN training forges ahead after 40 years" will be held by WAFUNIF from 25 to 27 September 1985 at United Nations Headquarters, New York. It is being co-sponsored by the United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, with assistance from the United Nations Department of Public Information and the United Nations Department of Disarmament Affairs. The main event will be a reunion of former and current internes and fellows of the United Nations system as a contribution to the commemoration of both the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and the International Youth Year. Other events planned include a photo exhibition, a United Nations film festival, a luncheon and a reception. The symposium is viewed as a contribution to the United Nations system's ongoing efforts to further develop and strengthen internships and fellowships as training delivery systems for development and peace.

The symposium will focus on the contributions that United Nations internships, fellowships and other training opportunities have made during the last four decades to furthering the principles and purposes embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, and will look ahead to their prospects and challenges for the future in response to new problems, needs, circumstances and issues. It will seek to develop strategies for shaping future directions, consistent with the priority areas elaborated by the United Nations system's intergovernmental bodies. Special emphasis will be given to training initiatives for the economic and technological transformation of developing countries.

For further information, write to: World Association of Former United Nations Internes and Fellows, P.O. Box 3241, Grand Central Station, New York, NY. 10163, USA.

World Assembly of Youth and International Youth Year

The World Assembly on Youth (WAY) has been active since 1983 in the promotion and observance of the International Youth Year. WAY has organized numerous workshops in many parts of the world focusing on youth training, health, youth work and youth participation in appropriate technology. In addition, WAY has published a youth press service, a youth data sheet and the Way Forum, all of which have highlighted International Youth Year. Recent activities of WAY have been a regional workshop on Youth Participation in

Appropriate Technology held in Fiji in June 1985 and the International Consultation on Youth Work and Co-operation, held at Maribo, Denmark, from 17 to 19 July 1985.

The Maribo meeting, organized by WAY and the Youth Year Secretariat of Storstrom County, Denmark, was intended to promote the concept of international understanding through international youth exchange programmes between nations. The representatives discussed issues concerning youth. Represented at the Consultation were 16 citizens from 14 developing countries including Bangladesh, Burundi, Costa Rica, Gambia, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Malta, Papua New Guinea, Somalia and Suriname. Twenty-six representatives from Europe were present from Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom (including representatives from Northern Ireland). Participants from Canada and the United States of America also attended.

Discussion groups were formed to debate topics such as the International Youth Year and youth organizations; youth work and youth problems in the third world and Europe; approach to youth work, governmental and non-governmental; North-South co-operation in youth and development programming and the role of youth in development with a specific reference to health. Speakers and panel members included representatives from the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, the World Health Organization, the European Movement (United Kingdom), the National Youth Organization of Bangladesh and the Youth Congress of Gambia.

For further information, contact: World Assembly of Youth, Ved Bellahoj 4, 2700 Bronshoj Copenhagen, Denmark.

International Planned Parenthood Federation:
Helping meet the needs of young people

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), with affiliates in 119 countries, attaches special importance to the International Youth Year. The aims of IYY correspond to one of IPPF's priority programme areas in the 1980s, which is "meeting the needs of young people". As a specialized non-governmental voluntary organization, IPPF works with other agencies to respond more effectively to the many and varied needs of young people.

In 1983, IPPF was instrumental in the formation of a group of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) known as the Working Group on Family-Life Education. This includes representatives from organizations involved in youth programmes such as the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations (YMCA), the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, the World Council of Churches and the World Organization of the Scout movement.

As a contribution to the Working Group, IPPF is preparing a resource book on family-life education for youth organizations, to be completed and distributed in 1985. A regional workshop on family-life education for scout trainers was organized in Bangkok, Thailand, in June 1985 under the joint sponsorship of IPPF and the Asia and Pacific Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. One recommendation of the workshop was the introduction of family-life education into the proficiency badge scheme and training activities of the Scouts. A similar workshop for Red Cross and YMCA youth leaders is planned for selected countries in Africa in November 1985 within the context of IYY.

The preparations for and observance of IYY have provided IPPF with the opportunity to promote family-life education and related activities as essential ingredients of an improved quality of life for young people in Africa. "Youth education and services for health and family life", an ongoing IPPF/World Health Organization (WHO) project, has the primary objective of reaching more young people with education and services (family-life education, counselling, health education, fertility-regulation education and services) through the involvement of more health-education workers and other categories of field personnel.

For further information, contact: International Planned Parenthood Federation, 18-20 Lower Regent Street, London SW1Y 4PW, United Kingdom.

A boon for voluntary workers

The Co-ordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS), a non-governmental organization based in Paris, France, has recently published a bibliography on youth and voluntary service on the occasion of the International Youth Year.

The main sources for the bibliography were the library and archives of CCIVS, the UNESCO library, and information received from questionnaires sent to libraries in various parts of the world and to the member organizations of CCIVS. The bibliography, which is partly annotated, covers the following subject areas: youth travel and exchanges, voluntary opportunities, target groups in voluntary work, fields of work of voluntary organizations and functional aspects of voluntary organizations and volunteer programmes. The bibliography also includes a list of periodicals and UNESCO publications. The bibliography will serve as a useful tool for those interested in undertaking studies, seminars and research in the field of voluntary work.

For further information, contact: CCIVS, UNESCO, 1, rue Miollis, 75015 Paris, France.

Co-operation in Youth Travel

The 35th Annual Conference of the Federation of International Youth Travel Organizations (FIYTO) will take place in New Delhi, India, from 6 to 12 October 1985. The Annual Conference will be attended by more than 500 delegates representing both member and non-member organizations from all over the world. The FIYTO Conference is planned as an international forum on youth travel and will discuss prospects for international co-operation through joint ventures in youth travel.

For further information, contact: Federation of International Youth Travel Organizations, 81 Islands Brygge, DK-2300 Copenhagen S.

Building a new world

Under the auspices of the Salvation Army, young people from around the world gathered at the Western Illinois University campus in Macomb, Illinois, United States, from 17 to 23 July 1985 to observe the International Youth Year. About 5,000 young people from 86 countries took part in this International Youth Congress. The theme of the Congress was "Building a new world". Music presentations, athletic competitions and discussions on topics such as world hunger, international understanding and world peace were included in the deliberations.

For further information, contact: The Salvation Army, International Youth Congress Office, 401 N.E. Adam Street, Peoria, Illinois 61603, USA.

REGIONAL ROUND UP

AFRICA

Ghana involves young people in development activities

The Ghana National Youth Committee, inaugurated in May 1984, has tailored its IYY plans to national needs with the theme: "Feed Ghana, make Ghana clean, make Ghana green, educate Ghana". IYY activities include involving the youth of Ghana in food production, a monthly environmental programme to encourage and support health education, and an agro-afforestation programme which involves youth groups at all levels in a nation-wide tree-planting programme. The National Co-ordinating Committee is also arranging to complete a Youth-Training Institute by the end of 1985 for training rural young people in the fishing industry. A monthly newspaper, Ghana Youth, was launched in early 1985 by the Committee. Regional IYY committees have also been set up in all 10 regions of the country.

For further information, contact: National Committee for IYY, c/o National Youth Organising Commission, State House, 2nd Bay, 7th Floor, P.O. Box 777, Accra, Ghana.

Ivory Coast encourages public awareness of International Youth Year

A co-ordinating committee was created in the Ivory Coast in 1983. Composed of several governmental and non-governmental bodies, the committee is chaired by the Director of Youth and Socio-economic Activities of the Ministry of Youth and Education. The National Co-ordinating Committee in the Ivory Coast has three primary objectives for IYY: to increase awareness among the general population about the situation of youth in the Ivory Coast; to co-ordinate all IYY activities at the national level; and to make resources available for the programmes and activities of IYY. Activities during IYY in the Ivory Coast include a national day of good citizenship; a national week of solidarity and participation; a national gathering of young athletes from French-speaking countries in Yamoussoukro from 21 to 28 July; an international work-camp for tree planting; and the construction of a national information centre.

For further information, contact: Comité provisoire de coordination pour l'Année de la jeunesse, 04 Boîte postale 51, Abidjan 04, Ivory Coast.

Kenya plans for active youth participation

The National Co-ordinating Committee in Kenya is composed of 22 representatives of the Government and eleven representatives of non-governmental organizations. Sub-committees on employment, education and training, social and cultural affairs, environment and housing, health and criminal prevention, peace, publicity and information have been formed.

The overall objective is to ensure the active participation of youth in national development programmes and projects such as the national literacy campaign; food production and preservation efforts; promotion of the productive use of leisure-time by youth, as in sports and drama; afforestation, soil and wildlife conservation activities; cultural festivals in various provincial, district and divisional centres; and agricultural shows and exhibitions.

The detailed programme of activities for IYY has included the launching of IYY in January 1985; youth leaders conferences; literature festivals; youth forums to discuss the theme of IYY; essay competitions on topics relating to IYY; youth exchange visits; youth exhibitions on agricultural and technical skills; Harambee Youth Week and National Youth Day Rally; construction of youth hostels; drama and sports competitions.

For further information, contact: Kenya National Co-ordinating Committee, Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 30276, Nairobi, Kenya.

Mauritius plans a conference on the role of non-governmental organizations

The Socialist Working Youth League of Mauritius is planning to organize a conference from 4 to 6 December 1985 at the University of Mauritius, that will provide an opportunity for discussion of the role and participation of non-governmental organizations in national development activities and in the whole process of participation, development, and peace.

For further information, contact: The Socialist Working Youth League of Mauritius, P.O. Box 401, Port Louis, Mauritius.

Morocco elaborates International Youth Year programme

The Ministry of Youth and Sports in Morocco has created a national commission for International Youth Year consisting of representatives of various governmental departments and youth organizations. The commission's major objective has been to work out a national programme of activities for IYY. This programme includes the following activities:

- (a) Seminars on recent social and economic advances in the country, on bringing together young Moroccans and young foreigners, and on Moroccan youth and the future;
- (b) Artistic and educational activities such as exhibitions of handicrafts, sculpture, books and posters, a music festival and a joint Moroccan-Libyan camp in commemoration of the Arab-African Union;
- (c) Cultural activities such as literary, poetry and sculpture competitions and study days on the theme of IYY;
- (d) Sports activities including training seminars and various sports events and meetings;
- (e) Information activities such as preparation of posters, information campaigns, studies on the achievements of young people, issuance of a national postage stamp;
- (f) Legislation including the review of all legislation concerning young people and formulating suggested changes and improvements to the departments concerned.

The following regional and international activities have also been planned: third Arab regional work camp (United Arab Emirates); conference of Arab university students (Iraq); Arab marathon (Iraq); cultural seminar of Arab youth (Kuwait); seminar on young Arab women (Morocco); Arab Youth Week in Europe.

For further information, contact: Commission préparatoire de l'Année internationale de la jeunesse, 485, avenue Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco.

Swaziland: looking beyond 1985

The National Co-ordinating Committee for International Youth Year 1985 in Swaziland is composed of various Government ministries and youth organizations. With the objective of examining the Government's youth policy, voluntary youth participation and youth development, the Committee has been promoting a variety of events for the benefit of young people during 1985.

Included in the programme for IYY in Swaziland is the establishment of a ten-year plan for implementing and evaluating youth policies. Other activities which have taken place in Swaziland include festivals of sport, culture and art; health campaigns; discussions on "Youth and the family"; and international youth exchanges. Various fund-raising activities have been held including the sale of IYY commemorative post cards and stamps.

For further information, contact: National Co-ordinating Committee for International Youth Year, c/o Department of Sports, Culture and Recreation, Ministry of Interior, P.O. Box 432, Mbabane, Swaziland.

Uganda concentrates on youth mobilization

National Youth Week was celebrated from 28 May to 2 June 1985 in Uganda and an IYY rally on 3 June brought International Youth Year to the public's attention. The President of the Republic of Uganda is the patron of the national Co-ordinating Committee which is composed of 35 representatives of ministries, youth organizations, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UNESCO. The Committee is collecting information on youth membership and participation in youth organizations in the country by distributing a series of questionnaires. District committees for IYY have been formed and a team from the National Union of Youth Organizations embarked on a four-month youth-mobilization tour to address young people and district officials on IYY. The Ministry of Finance has provided funds for a National Youth Workshop, to be held in 1985, which will bring together representatives from around the country to discuss issues of concern to young people and to make recommendations to the Government on youth policies and programmes.

For further information, contact: National Co-ordinating Committee for International Youth Year, Ministry of Culture and Community Development, P.O. Box 7136, Kampala, Uganda.

Zambia: continuity after 1985

The Minister of State for Youth and Sport is head of the National Co-ordinating Committee in Zambia, and provincial and district co-ordinating committees have been taking IYY to the grass-roots level throughout the country. The Co-ordinating Committee reports that financial constraints have been hampering the implementation of some of their objectives, but they have been raising funds through activities such as dinner dances and walkathons.

Each province and district has adopted its own IYY project. There are plans to make the various IYY co-ordinating committees responsible for youth affairs after 1985 in order to ensure continuity of the many activities initiated during IYY.

An extensive programme of activities was drawn up and press coverage of many activities has provided further encouragement to the Committee. IYY activities have also received strong support from popular public figures.

For further information, contact: Zambia National Co-ordinating Committee for IYY, Mulungushi House, P.O. Box 50195, Lusaka, Zambia.

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