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UNESCO HELPING MANY COUNTRIES

Activities are Pushed in Luxembourg, India, Burma and Korea

The extensive activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in several countries are summarized.

U.S. WHITE HOUSE SCENE OF CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE

The White House in Washington, residence of the President of the United States, will be the scene late this year of several sessions of the largest and most important conference on children's problems ever held. The gathering is the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth. It will begin its work in December, bringing together thousands of the foremost experts on the various problems of children from all parts of the United States and from many foreign countries.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider methods of developing in children the mental, emotional and spiritual qualities essential to individual happiness and to responsible citizenship, and of determining what physical, economic, and social conditions are necessary to this development.

LUXEMBOURG ADOPTS ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Teachers' Federation of Luxembourg has adopted a program of adult education putting into effect the principles drawn up at the UNESCO Conference on Adult Education at Elsinore, Denmark. The program will be designed to achieve eight results.

These are to stimulate a true spirit of Democracy and humanitarianism; restore a sense of community destroyed by the "atomization" of the social structure; cultivate a spirit of tolerance and reconciliation on a national and international level; reduce existing opposition between the "masses" and the "elite"; develop enlightened citizens of the world community; watch over the assimilation of foreign groups in the nation; restore to the younger generation hope and confidence in life; cultivate a sense of family, social, civic and international responsibility.

MORE TREES FOR INDIA-MORE FOOD

India's food production authorities, alarmed by the proportion of topsoil washed away during their nation's monsoon seasons, have launched a reforestation campaign on the individual level. From the Prime Minister down, Indians in all parts of the country planted saplings in a nationwide "tree festival" which saw the country festooned by posters bearing the slogan, "For Every One Tree Felled, Plant Two Today." The campaign is part of India's drive for selfsufficiency in food by 1951.

EXPERIMENT IN COMPULSORY EDUCATION IN BURMA

In a plan for mass education, the Burmese Government is launching an experiment in compulsory primary schools for children living in an area of 17 square miles around Rangoon. The scheme will be extended later when conditions permit. The plan includes the provision of a training camp for 70 instructors. After a six month course, they will open 60 community centers where children will be taught reading, writing, hygiene, and general education.

WHO SPECIAL MISSION TO AID KOREAN POPULATION

The World Health Organization has appointed a Special Mission to Korea to assist in the administration of health and relief programs for the civilian population.

The Director of the Mission, Col. Walter H. Orichton, will be assisted by five public health teams composed of medical officers and sanitary engineers now being recruited by WHO in Europe, South America and the United States.

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UNESCO Defines Aims, Plans New Activities

The following statement of aims was adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its recent meeting in Florence:

1. TO ELIMINATE ILLITERACY AND ENCOURAGE FUNDAMENTAL EDUCATION.
2. TO OBTAIN FOR EACH PERSON AN EDUCATION CONFORMING TO HIS APTITUDES AND TO THE NEEDS OF SOCIETY, INCLUDING TECHNOLOGICAL TRAINING AND HIGHER EDUCATION.
3. To advance human rights throughout all nations.
4. To remove the obstacles to the free flow of persons, ideas, and knowledge among the countries of the world.
5. To promote the progress and applications of science for all mankind.
6. To remove the causes of tensions that may lead to wars.
7. To demonstrate world cultural interdependence.
8. To advance through the press, radio, and motion pictures the cause of truth, freedom, and peace.
9. To bring about better understanding among the peoples of the world and to convince them of the necessity of cooperating loyally with one another in the framework of the United Nations.
10. To render clearing house and exchange services, in all its fields of action, together with services in reconstruction and relief assistance.

The conference also enacted a program for re-education of Germany, including the establishment of institutes in comparative education and social studies and a youth center; voted to intensify the re-education activities in Japan; approved an agreement to remove customs duties from such materials as books, music, and art works; adopted Spanish as a third working language, in addition to English and French; and announced an expansion of the Exchange of Persons program through grants for traveling scholarships to artists, writers, educators, and humanists. (From the Key Reporter).