



THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE FUND AND THE WORLD BANK will open in the new International Convention Center in Manila, the Philippines, on October 4 and will run until Friday, October 8. Governors, Alternates and delegation members representing all the member countries of the Fund will participate in the meetings, which will be staffed by a large contingent of persons from Fund and World Bank headquarters. The sessions are to be chaired by Mohammad Imady, Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade and Fund Governor for the Syrian Arab Republic. His Co-Chairman is Sadek Ayoubi, Syrian Minister of Finance and World Bank Governor. As delegates arrive in Manila they will have before them copies of the Fund's Annual Report, which was published two weeks in ad-

vance of the meetings. The meetings will be preceded by regional meetings of finance ministers and central bank governors, which will be held in the latter part of September, a meeting of the Group of 24 developing countries on October 1 and a ministerial meeting of the Group of 10 industrial countries on October 3. Also, meetings of the Interim and Development Committees will be held respectively on October 2 and October 3. At its meeting the Interim Committee will review the world economic outlook and the international monetary system, consider the financial activities and resources of the Fund, and receive a progress report on acceptance by members of the second amendment to the Articles. The Interim Committee meeting will be followed by a joint press conference given by Chairman Willy de Clercq, the Belgian Finance Minister, and the Managing Director.

Opening ceremonies for the meetings will be held on the morning of Monday, October 4. These will include the address by Chairman Imady and speeches by Mr. Witteveen and the President of the World Bank, Robert S. McNamara. The annual discussion will begin on Monday afternoon and continue throughout Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The election of Executive Directors for the Fund and for the World Bank will be held on Tuesday afternoon. Further meetings of the Interim and Development Committees will be held early on Wednesday evening for the election of new Chairmen. The Joint Procedures Committee will meet on Monday and Thursday to deal with various procedural questions, including the site for the the next overseas Annual Meetings. The Joint Procedures Committee will report on Friday



morning. This will be followed by comments by the Heads of Organizations and the Chairman and adjournment. Following adjournment, the Managing Director will hold his customary press conference and luncheon for the press.

In the course of the meetings, the Comoros will be welcomed, bringing the total Fund membership to 129. The Board of Governors are also expected to vote on resolutions that will permit Guinea Bisau and Surinam to become members of the Fund and the World Bank.



The International Convention Center, which has been hastened to completion in time for the meetings, is built on reclaimed land extending into Manila Bay. The same area also includes the Philippine Central Bank and the Cultural Center, including the Folk Arts Theater where the 1974 Miss Universe Pageant was staged. The main hall of the International Convention Center, where the plenary sessions will be held, is designed to accommodate 4,300 persons. In addition, the Center contains a large reception hall, smaller meeting rooms for committees, a press room and function rooms for small parties.

A considerable number of official social events are being planned by the Philippine authorities, the Chairman of the meetings and individual delegations. A reception will be given by the Chairman and Mrs. Imady and the Co-Chairman and Mrs. Ayoubi at the reception hall of the International Convention Center on the evening of Sunday, October 3. A luncheon for the wives of Governors will be hosted on Monday at the Aguinaldo Shrine in Cavite, an hour's drive from Manila, by Mrs. Virata, the wife of the Finance Secretary. Then that evening, Mrs. Marcos, Governor of Metro Manila and wife of the President, will host a reception at the Folk Arts Theater. On Tuesday evening, President and Mrs. Marcos will host a reception for Governors and their wives at Fort Santiago, about 15 minutes' drive from the Convention Center. The Secretary of Finance and Mrs. Virata and the Governor of the Central Bank and Mrs. Licaros will host a reception on Thursday evening in the Central Bank Building complex.

An extensive ladies' program has been prepared by the Philippine authorities for the wives of Governors and other delegation members and these are also available to the spouses of Fund staff members who accompany their husbands to Manila. Welcoming lunches have been arranged for the first day of the meetings and a lunch and fashion show is planned for Tuesday at the Manila Hilton. A wide range of tours is available, including a city tour of Manila, a tour of Mrs. Marcos' social welfare projects, a cultural tour, a countryside tour and a design and crafts tour. In addition, on Thursday, a trip to Mount Makiling to visit the National Arts Center is planned. On this occasion, a lunch will be hosted at the Center by Mrs. Virata and Mrs. Licaros, the wives, respectively, of the Finance Minister and the Central Bank Governor of the Philippines. As well as the planned excursions, sports facilities and shopping assis-



tance will be available for the wives.

Apart from the planned programs, delegates and others will be at liberty to enjoy the many sights of Manila, which include such attractions as Intramuros, (the old walled city area), Rizal Park by the Bay and "Nayong Pilipino", a miniature village displaying the various ethnic groups and cultures of the Philippines.

During the period of the Annual Meetings, Albin Pfeiffer, Deputy Director, European Department, will be head of staff at Fund headquarters.



A "STAFF HANDBOOK" will be published this fall as part of the continuing effort to better acquaint staff members with the broad features of the various benefits policies. This handbook will answer more readily than the formal regulations typical questions which staff members may have. The handbook will be in loose-leaf form, so that the revised pages which will be issued from time to time can readily be substituted. The handbook will also contain some introductory material chiefly of interest to new staff members.

Arrangements are also being made to provide each staff member, once a year, with a Personal Benefit Statement which quantifies as much as possible the entitlements available under the staff retirement, medical and various insurance plans. The figures will be based on the staff member's actual age, length of Fund service and salary. The annual statements should be helpful not only in showing the value of such benefits at a particular time but also in showing how their value grows with additional service and salary changes of the individual. The first will be issued early in 1977.

THE INTERNATIONAL FAMILIES OF THE FUND OFFICE (InFFO) is now in full operation on the tenth floor (Room 10-403). The cheerful room is presided over by Mrs. Elizabeth Coons (right), full-time Staff Liaison, who coordinates the varied volunteer projects and activities of Fund staff wives. The wives have always been active in welcoming new families to Washington and to the Fund community, and recently have rapidly expanded their interests to include seminars, cultural events, action committees, small interest groups, and the development of an information center which will augment already existing materials available in Staff Relations. What do the volunteer women really do? Newly arrived families are welcomed and assisted by staff and members of the visiting committee who make personal contact while families are in temporary quarters. Once settled in permanent housing, contact is continued through Area Chairmen who help with the problems of adjusting to a new area or culture and introduce new wives to neighboring Fund women at small coffees. Active committees pursue solutions to G-IV visa problems, explore and compile consumer information, increase our knowledge of and materials on education options for children and adults, up-date welcoming materials, and initiate new projects.

Small groups gather to share arts and crafts and learn new techniques. Musicians listen and play together. An international cooking group shares national specialties, and larger groups hold international pot-luck lunches. The joint cultural-seminar group is offering a trip to the official reception rooms of the State Department, and an advance preview of the treasures of the tomb of King Tutankhamen at the National Gallery of Art.

Have you ever wanted to go on a "dig"? go antiquing with someone who knows antiques? share books you've read? InFFO is ready to help





launch each of these groups.

InFFO issues an informative newsletter, "Chronicles", September through May. Staff members are invited to visit 10-403, see "Chronicles", offer ideas on how this new office might also be of service to you, and suggest materials for the information center.

The photo (left) shows the InFFO office with, from left to right, Mrs. Debby Dale, Mrs. Jane Clark, Mrs. Afaf Fawzi, Mrs. Lisa Donely, Mrs. Coons, Mrs. Eleke Beza and Mrs. Eva Hughes.

AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE has begun meetings to review the Fund's salary structure and salary policies. The Chairman of the Committee is Philip Thorson, Director of Administration, and its members are Richard Goode, Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, Tun Thin, Director, Asian Department, Walter Robichek, Deputy Director, Western Hemisphere Department, Donald Palmer, Deputy Director, Exchange and Trade Relations Department, Charles Schwartz, Deputy Director, Research Department, and P. N. Kaul, Deputy Director, Administration Department, with Alan Wright, Advisor, Administration Department, serving as Secretary, and David Armour of the Information Office, Office of the Managing Director, representing the Staff Association Committee.

THE UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN opened in the Fund on September 13 with Donald K. Palmer, Deputy Director, Exchange and Trade Relations Department, as Chairman. The Fund drive ended on September 24, but the general drive in the National Capital Area will continue until December 10 and staff members will be able to make contributions separately from the Fund drive until then.

WEEKLY FRENCH LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, aged 4-12 years, will be held during the fall at two locations. On Thursdays, from 4 to 6 p.m., beginning September 30, classes will be held at the French International School of Washington, 9600 Forest Road, Bethesda. Call Miss France Ponsart for further information (tel: 530-8260). On Saturdays, from 10 to 12 a.m., beginning October 2, classes will be held at the Washington International School, 2735 Olive Street N.W., Washington, D.C. For further information call Mrs. Colette Atwater (tel: 333-7883).

LIVE VIRUS VACCINES, such as smallpox and yellow fever, may be given at the same time as gamma globulin, or at any time before or after it, according to a recent determination by the U.S. Center of Disease Control in Atlanta. Also, it has been determined that yellow fever and smallpox vaccines may be given simultaneously (though in different arms) and that it is not necessary to separate the timing of injections. As previously, staff members must go to the Public Health Service for yellow fever vaccinations, since this vaccine cannot be administered in the Health Room.



NAIVE ART IN YUGOSLAVIA, an exhibition presented by the Art Society under the patronage of the Yugoslav Embassy, opened in the Atrium on September 14 and hung on display until September 24. The exhibition, which was organized by the Gallery of Primitive Art in Zagreb and which is being circulated in the United States by the Smithsonian Institution as Yugoslavia's contribution to the Bicentennial, was one of the largest displays to have

been presented by the Art Society and consisted of 72 paintings and 25 sculptures by 44 artists. The common element of the works, which were selected for the exhibition by Dr. Boris Kelemen of the Gallery of Primitive Art, is the largely self-taught background of the artists, who generally tried to record on canvas - or on glass - the life they saw around them. Among the artists represented in the show were such important painters as Ivan Generalic, who was one of the founding influences of Yugoslav naive art, and more recent artists such as Bara Mustafa. A wide diversity of works was included, including those by Mirko Virius, who was concerned with social conditions, and Ivan Rabuzin, who is most interested in the beauty of the environment. Also shown were both abstract and realistic work depicting narratives, imaginary scenes and symbolic events. The exhibition received a very complimentary review in the Washington Post, which called it a collection of some of Yugoslavia's best primitive art.



The next exhibition of the Art Society will open on September 29, and will feature ceramics by Eleni Demetriou and Mary R. Wolff, and water colors by John J. Arcuri.

Our group photo, taken at the opening, shows John Gunter and Horst Ungerer of the Art Society, with, from right to left, the Chargé d'Affaires of the Yugoslav Embassy, Mr. Petkovic, Mrs. Ungerer, Mrs. Petkovic, and the Cultural Counsellor at the Embassy, Mr. Trifunovic.

THE BANK-FUND CHORUS has begun rehearsals for the Christmas concert, which will feature Vivaldi's "Magnificat" and Respighi's



"Laud to Nativity". Rehearsals are held on Monday lunchtimes in Room E-436 at the World Bank. For further information contact Carolyn A. Meyer (ext. 3698).

ACCIDENT INSURANCE CAN BE ARRANGED for relatives of non-U.S. staff members during their visits to the United States. Details may be obtained from Staff Relations, (ext. 3025).

THE BANK-FUND TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION GROUP will hold an open meeting on Thursday, October 7 at 12:00 noon in room D-556 of the Bank. All Fund and Bank staff members who are interested in hearing about Transcendental Meditation are welcome to join. For information contact Daryl Brown, ext. 5157.

THE INTERNATIONAL CAMERA CLUB'S first show of the season was held on Wednesday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m. in the Eugene Black Auditorium. Robert Foah, formerly Teaching Assistant under Ansel Adams, presented a multi-media slide presentation. Mr. Foah has recently returned from an assignment to New Zealand, Tahiti, Australia and the Marquesas and his presentation should make for an outstanding evening. The show will be followed by a members' slide competition.

THE WORLD BANK/FUND FIELD HOCKEY CLUB announces its fall schedule commencing September 11. Practices for the men's team will be held Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. at the Alice Deal School in Washington; practices for the women's team will be held Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Madeira School, Greenway, Virginia, and on Sundays at Trinity College in Washington from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact: ext. 8080.

20 YEAR STAFF. In September Mr. A.C. Bouter, Assistant Director, Research Department, and Mr. Lionel A. Sullivan, Property Control Clerk, Administration Department, commemorated 20 years of service with the Fund.

30 YEAR STAFF. In September Mr. Ernest Sturc, Director, Exchange and Trade Relations Department, Mrs. Katherine F. Magurn, Assistant Secretary, Secretary's Department, Mrs. Odette Alvord, Secretarial Assistant, Office of Executive Directors, Mr. Charles L. Merwin, Deputy Director, African Department, Mr. Jorge Del Canto, Director, Western Hemisphere Department, and Ms. Lillian D. Kelly, Secretarial Assistant, Office of Executive Directors, commemorated 30 years of service with the Fund.

MARRIAGE. Miss M. Adriana Cerda, Research Department, was married on August 30 to Captain Raymond A. Vohden.

BABIES. A son, Dennis Daniel, was born on July 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Mark J. Driscoll; a daughter, Claudia, was born on August 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto Hernandez-Cata; and a son, Eduardo Rey, was born on September 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Reynaldo Pasa (Teresita).

RESIGNATIONS IN AUGUST. Mr. Matthias Berger, Mrs. Silvia C. Calonje, Mr. Mariano Gurfinkel, Mr. Rivalet Labbe, Mrs. Brenda C. Oteyza, Mr. Zvi Porath, and Ms. Valerie Anne Wohl.

MARGARET P. ESTES, Secretary, Editorial Office, Secretary's Department, died suddenly at work on August 27. A citizen of Canada, Mrs. Estes joined the Fund in July 1956 as a secretary in the Research Department. In 1964 she transferred to the Historian's Staff (Office of the Managing Director) and then in 1966 joined the Editorial Staff. Memorial services for Mrs. Estes were held at the Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home in Alexandria on August 31.



DEATH OF RETIREE. Miss Mary Hall Gumbart, on August 9, 1976.

THE IMF/WORLD BANK SKI CLUB welcomes all Fund and Bank Group staff and their friends to skate with the IMF/Bank Ski Club every Wednesday night through April 1977. No prior arrangements are necessary; simply appear at the rink, state that you are with the IMF/Bank Ski Club group, and request the group rate (\$1.50, skate rental \$0.75). The skating begins at 8:15 p.m. at the Village House Motel Rink, 245 North Washington Street, Falls Church, Virginia.

THE BANK/FUND SQUASH CLUB reminds staff members that it's time to think about a new squash season. As neither the Bank nor the Fund has its own courts, staff members wishing to play squash should join a local club such as the YMCA on G Street, Courts Royal at Merrifield or the Arlington "Y". These clubs either already offer membership discounts to Fund/Bank staff or are prepared to negotiate a group membership. For details call Rosemary Braddon on ext. 6677.

Throughout the winter, the Bank/Fund Squash Club will be organizing various competitive activities. If you would like to participate, please call Sundar Subramanian on ext. 2716.

THE STATE/USIA RECREATION ASSOCIATION has scheduled a large number of group tours to Europe, Egypt and Latin America during the fall and winter. Information on these and other activities of interest to affiliate members of the Association has been posted on the Concourse level bulletin board and is also available from the offices of the Association (tel. 632-1610). For membership information and other details please contact Cecilia Poppe (ext. 6055).



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