

INDIA AT ILLINOIS

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International Cooperation Programs

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The first of a projected series dealing with our part in the International Cooperation Administration's University contract program.

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The University of Illinois has always taken an active interest in foreign affairs in so far as education and research are concerned, and in the contribution of its resources to advance the policy of the United States in foreign areas. You are familiar with many of the activities: sabbatical trips, exchange professors, Fulbright scholars, foreign students, foreign visitors, classified research, and leaves for government service.

The ICA-University contract program is not widely known on campus, and yet it has been in operation for five years; its program has involved six contracts, three colleges and several service divisions of the University, two foreign countries, some 40 Illinois staff members and as many foreign students, and funds amounting to well over a million dollars.

Financing is provided by the U. S. Government without cost to the University. Our contribution is in terms of advice, counsel and assignment of personnel, and use of physical resources for the conduct of work in education and research.

This activity is not unique with the University of Illinois. Currently some 50 U. S. colleges and universities operate under about 75 contracts in 35 foreign areas. Illinois work is presently centered in India with 12 professors now on assignment and about 30 Indian Nationals scheduled for U. S. training for all or part of the 1957-58 year.

Illinois in India. The inception of the programs came in 1951 with a proposal from the U. S. Technical Cooperation Mission at New Delhi, operating under the "Point IV" plan, suggesting that the University of Illinois undertake a project for work in India. The Allahabad Agricultural Institute was chosen as the collaborating institution, perhaps largely through the efforts of Dr. Arthur T. Mosher, then Principal of the Institute and a UI alumnus. Later the Indian Institute of Technology requested and obtained engineering assistance.

In 1955, the work at Allahabad was merged with an expanded regional project in agricultural education and development under which 16 Indian colleges, research stations, or state departments collaborate. In each case the International Cooperation Administration contracts were established for the following purposes: (1) assigning Illinois staff for work in India, (2) training Indian scholars in the United States, (3) purchasing books and equipment, and (4) advising and counseling as requested by the host country.

Personnel. Your awareness of the ICA program at Illinois may depend mainly upon your acquaintance with the people associated with it. The following resident staff members were on assignment that included duty in India under ICA contracts, beginning in the year listed:

Allahabad Agricultural Institute

- M. H. Alexander, Dairy Science, also Group Leader, two years, 1952.
- Jeannette Dean, Home Economics Extension, two years, 1954.
- G. H. Dungan, Agronomy, also Group Leader, two years, 1953.
- Florence Kimmelshue, Home Economics Extension, two years, 1952.
- F. H. Shuman, Agricultural Extension, two years, 1952.

Indian Institute of Technology

- G. E. Anner, Electrical Engineering, two years, 1955.
- R. C. Hay, Agricultural Engineering, also Group Leader, two years, 1954.
- J. L. Hough, Geology, one and one-half years, 1954.
- T. W. Price, Mechanical Engineering, also Group Leader, two years, 1955.
- Jack Wood, City and Regional Planning, one and one-half years, 1957.

India Regional

- L. E. Card, Agricultural Advisor and Group Leader, two years, starting November 1, 1957.
- H. W. Hannah, Survey Team, 1955; Agricultural Advisor and Group Leader, two years, 1955.
- W. H. Tammeus, Agricultural Extension, two years, 1956.

University of Illinois

- D. G. Carter, Survey Team, 1953. Coordinator of International Cooperation Programs, 1956.
- H. C. M. Case, Survey Team, 1953. Chairman, University Committee, 1951-54.
- L. B. Howard, Executive Visit, 1956.
- R. W. Jugenheimer, Survey Team, 1955; Short-Term Consultant in Hybrid Corn Production, 1956; Assistant Coordinator, 1956.
- G. I. Wallace, Short-Term Consultant in Bacteriology, 1957.

Other people having a part in the University's ICA program will be listed later. They include local staff with particular duties, UI graduates specially employed for assignment to India, and personnel recruited from other universities for periods up to two years.

Letter No. 2 in a couple of weeks will be concerned also with Indian scholars who come to the University, purchase of books and equipment, and a few of the major issues involved in foreign programs. Meanwhile, we shall be glad to hear from staff or students interested in any phase of the program.

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