

SEMINAR ON POPULATION PROBLEMS

Enrique T. Virata, Executive Vice President of the University of the Philippines and Acting Director of its UN-sponsored Statistical Center, and Eliseo M. Perez, Chief of the Demography and Civil Registry Division of the Bureau of Census and Statistics, have been designated by the National Economic Council to represent the Philippine Government at a seminar on Population Problems in Bandung, Indonesia, for a period of two weeks beginning in November 1955. The Seminar is sponsored by the United Nations, its Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, and the International Social Science Council.

Meredith B. Givens, UN Principal Advisor of the Statistical Center, will participate in the Seminar as Consultant to the Philippine delegation. Miss Mercedes Concepcion, research assistant of the Center will attend as recipient of a fellowship awarded by the International Social Science Council.

The Bandung Seminar is held pursuant to a resolution of the UN Economic and Social Council which recommends that the UN Technical Assistance Board take account of the relationship of population to economic development in programs of technical assistance for under-developed areas.

The Seminar will be directly related to a research project on population growth and economic development which is being undertaken by the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. Opportunity will be provided at the Seminar for Government officials and other qualified persons to exchange information and points of view on national and regional population problems, and to discuss needs and means for improving research on population problems of countries of Asia and the Far East. It is believed that realistic discussion will stimulate interest in training and research in this field, especially in relation to economic and social development in Asian countries.

The Director of the Seminar is P. K. Whelpton, Director of the Scripps Foundation for Population Research, Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, U.S.A. He will be assisted by five discussion leaders chosen for their knowledge of population problems and conditions in Asia and the Far East.

