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FOR INHABITANTS OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

Report of the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. By resolution 845 (IX), which was adopted by the General Assembly on 22 November 1954, Member States were invited to extend to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories offers of facilities not only for study and training of university standard, but also for study at the post-primary level, as well as technical and vocational training of immediate practical value.
2. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 1696 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, offers extended under resolution 845 (IX) are communicated by the Secretariat to the administering Powers to enable them to give appropriate publicity to the offers in the Territories under their administration.
3. A description of the scholarships made available under the programme is contained in a brochure prepared by the Secretariat for the information of prospective applicants. Information about these offers is also included in the handbook, Study Abroad (XIX), 1972-1973-1974, published by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
4. Under the terms of resolution 845 (IX) and other resolutions relating to scholarships which were adopted in subsequent years, 1/ the Secretary-General submitted reports to the General Assembly containing detailed information on the offers made and the extent to which they were utilized.
5. The eighteenth report, which covers the period from 1 November 1971 to 20 October 1972, is submitted herewith by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 2876 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971.

II. SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED AND AWARDED

Offering States

6. During the period under review, 27 Member States (an increase of two over the last year) offered to make scholarships available for the use of inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories in response to the resolutions mentioned above. These Member States are: Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Malta, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

1/ The most recent resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on this question were resolutions 2423 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2556 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969, and 2705 (XXV) of 14 December 1970.

Offers and awards

7. Information regarding the scholarships offered by Member States up to 31 October 1971 and the extent to which they were utilized is contained in previous reports submitted to the General Assembly. 2/

8. The relevant information received by the Secretary-General since the submission of his previous report is given below:

Austria

The Permanent Representative of Austria, in a note dated 18 July 1972, referred to an earlier note dated 9 May 1972 in which he had informed the Secretary-General that, apart from granting two scholarships for qualified students from Non-Self-Governing Territories for the 1972 courses at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, the Austrian Government had decided to include as part of the scholarship offer the travel expenses of the two prospective candidates.

Cyprus

In a note dated 15 June 1972, the Permanent Representative of Cyprus informed the Secretary-General that his Government would be prepared to pay the fare to and from Cyprus for the successful candidate of the scholarship already offered to an inhabitant of a Non-Self-Governing Territory for study at the Republic's Forestry College for the academic year 1972/73.

Czechoslovakia

The Acting Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, in a note dated 18 August 1972, informed the Secretary-General that his Government had decided to offer 35 scholarships for students from Non-Self-Governing Territories. These scholarships, which included travel expenses and free medical care, were offered for the academic year 1973/74.

Greece

In a note dated 6 July 1972, the Permanent Mission of Greece informed the Secretary-General that the Greek Government, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 845 (IX), had granted two scholarships per year during the last several years, for a duration of three to four years.

2/ For the most recent reports, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 71, document A/7744; ibid., Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 70, document A/8162; and document A/8530

India

The Permanent Mission of India, in a note dated 19 September 1972, informed the Secretary-General that its Government had offered the following scholarships to students from Non-Self-Governing Territories through the United Nations during 1972/73: three scholarships to students from Namibia; three scholarships to students from Territories under Portuguese administration; and five scholarships to students from Southern Rhodesia. Furthermore, the Government of India offers five scholarships to students from South Africa every year through the United Nations and pays the round-trip fare for the passage of all scholars from Non-Self-Governing Territories.

Iran

In a note dated 5 September 1972, the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iran referred the Secretary-General to his previous note of 12 November 1971 by which the decision of the Government of Iran to grant six scholarships to students from Non-Self-Governing Territories was conveyed. The Iranian Government also provides travel funds to prospective students and monthly allowances for those attending Pahlavi University of Shiraz.

Israel

The Acting Permanent Representative of Israel, in a note dated 21 August 1972, informed the Secretary-General that his Government was prepared to offer scholarships to the extent of 30 man-months to students from Non-Self-Governing Territories in Israel, provided the candidates for such scholarships are found qualified for the courses in question.

Pakistan

In a note dated 28 August 1972, the Permanent Representative of Pakistan informed the Secretary-General that his Government had offered, for the academic session 1972/73, one scholarship to a student from Namibia, one scholarship to a student from the Territories under Portuguese administration, one scholarship to a student in exile from Southern Rhodesia and one scholarship to a student in exile from South Africa.

Philippines

The Permanent Representative of the Philippines, in a note dated 22 September 1972, informed the Secretary-General that the following educational institutions in his country were offering scholarships to students from Non-Self-Governing Territories: Adamson University, College of Engineering, one; University of Manila, one in teacher-training; Rizal Memorial Colleges, two yearly; Cebu Roosevelt Memorial College, one, for a bachelor of science degree in elementary education; La Consolación College, one, for a bachelor of science degree in education;

Fr. Urios College, three one-year scholarships; and Namei Polytechnic Institute, one, one-year scholarship subject to extension. At present, there are no students from Non-Self-Governing Territories studying in the Philippines under the offers referred to above.

Poland

In a letter dated 5 September 1972, the Permanent Mission of the Polish People's Republic informed the Secretariat that five students from Non-Self-Governing Territories were studying at Polish universities and polytechnic and economic schools.

Romania

The Permanent Representative of the Socialist Republic of Romania, in notes dated 13 September and 3 October 1972, informed the Secretary-General that his Government had decided to offer 10 scholarships for higher learning covering the academic year 1972/73 for students from Non-Self-Governing Territories. At present, there are three students from South Africa and one from Southern Rhodesia studying in Romania.

Sri Lanka

In a note dated 14 September 1972, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Sri Lanka informed the Secretary-General that there was at present one student studying in Sri Lanka under resolution 845 (IX). Action was being taken to grant five awards this year, and it was expected that it would be possible to have the students in Sri Lanka by December of this year.

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, in a note dated 6 October 1972, informed the Secretary-General that there were at present 154 students from colonial Territories studying in the educational institutions of the Soviet Union: 102 from the Territories under Portuguese administration; 2 from Namibia; 16 from Southern Rhodesia; and 34 from other colonial Territories.

United States of America

In a note dated 18 September 1972, the Permanent Representative of the United States informed the Secretary-General that, in accordance with resolution 845 (IX), the United States Government makes available scholarship opportunities to students from Non-Self-Governing Territories under the Department of State's regular educational and cultural exchange programmes and the Southern Africa Student Programme (SASP). These scholarship opportunities are usually made available on a non-competitive, invitational basis.

In addition to the above grants, the Department plans to make available a limited number of scholarships on the basis of open competition. Specifically, two teacher development, two training and experience and three educational travel grants are planned for British Honduras. Normally, transportation and per diem expenses will be provided. Five grants will also be made available to students from Non-Self-Governing Territories in Africa for one academic year of graduate study renewable upon Department of State approval. Full travel, tuition and maintenance costs will be covered.

Funds for 30 scholarship recipients will be continued in the fiscal year 1973 under SASP. SASP grants are for both graduate studies and for short-term, specialized training in such fields as communications, medical technology, management, etc. Both types of participants may pursue studies in any field directly and specifically related to employment possibilities in Africa.

The Department of State's educational and cultural exchange programmes provide opportunities in more than 150 fields of specialization for university study, teaching and teacher development, university lecturing and advanced research experience and training, observation and consultation and educational travel (short-term tour of the United States by foreign university students). The cost of these grants, including such items as travel, maintenance, and/or other assistance, is provided from United States public or private sources.

Some partial grants are supplemented by sources from the recipient's country of citizenship. The Department's educational programmes are planned and carried out on a year-to-year basis and are specifically arranged to assist in meeting the needs of each Territory. The unused portions of grants allocated to a country or Territory, may, within the same year, be transferred to another Territory to ensure maximum utilization of the Department's study opportunities on a global basis.

Information on scholarship opportunities offered under SASP and the Department of State's regular educational and cultural exchange programmes may be obtained from the United States consular office nearest the prospective applicant.

Under the Department of State's regular exchange programmes, 21 students received grants during the academic year 1971/72, as follows: Angola (2); Antigua (1); British Honduras (6); Grenada (1); Hong Kong (7); Mozambique (2); St. Kitts (1); and the Seychelles (1). Under SASP, 46 students from southern Africa received assistance: Angola (12); Mozambique (9); Namibia (10); and Southern Rhodesia (15).

III. APPLICATIONS MADE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS

9. In accordance with the procedure established in General Assembly resolution 1696 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, applications for scholarships received by the United Nations Secretariat from inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories are transmitted simultaneously to the offering States for consideration and to the administering Powers for information.

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10. Up to the end of September 1972, a total of 1,186 students, all from Southern Rhodesia, requested and received information and application forms from the Secretariat (compared with 1,407 in the previous year ending 31 October).

11. A total of 489 applications were filled in and returned to the Secretariat (compared with 442 in the previous year). Of this number, 90 were incomplete and were returned to the applicants. The remaining 399 applications were forwarded to the offering States concerned in accordance with established procedure.

12. The applications were for scholarships offered by the following countries, the number of applications for each country being given in parentheses: Bulgaria (1); Czechoslovakia (12); Egypt (7); Ghana (33); Greece (67); Hungary (24); India (38); Iran (1); Israel (1); Italy (3); Malta (5); Mexico (2); Pakistan (1); Philippines (5); Poland (8); Romania (1); Sri Lanka (146); Tunisia (1); Turkey (1); Uganda (7); Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (7); United States of America (16); and Yugoslavia (12).

13. Applicants who wish to study in Ghana, Poland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States are requested, in the information sent to them, to apply directly to the Government concerned; consequently, not all applications for study in these countries are received by the Secretariat. A number of other offering States also receive applications mailed directly by applicants from Non-Self-Governing Territories, and act on them without going through the Secretariat.
