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On Saturday the 21st will begin the International Seminar of Educators (Seminario Internacional de Educadores) sponsored by the World Confederation of Teachers of Education Organizations (Confederacion Mundial de las Organizaciones de Profesores de Enseñanza) and The National Association of Educators (Asociacion Nacional de Educadores, A.N.D.E.). The inauguration will take place in the National Theater (Teatro Nacional) and the work tables will be set up in the central offices of A.N.D.E.

The Minister of Education gave permission for the teachers of the central plateau to attend the inauguration, excluding the others for reasons of distance.

The committee is composed of the following representatives:

Dr. Emma Gamboa Alvarado, Costa Rica
Mr. Antonio Miquel Saad, Mexico
Mr. Alfonso Lozano Bernal, Mexico
Mr. Octavio Mejia Loayza, Peru
Dr. Campo E. Marquez, Colombia
Miss Josefina Pessacq, Argentina
Mr. Jose J. Rivera, Puerto Rico
Dr. Fernando Tude de Souza, Brazil
Mr. Gerald Nason, Canada
Mrs. Eucaris J. de Higuero, Panama
Mr. S. Dedier, Caribbean Union of Teachers
Dr. William G. Carr, Secretary General of C.M.C.P.E.
Mr. John M. Thompson, Adjunct Secretary General S.M.O.P.E.

[probably typographical error for C.M.O.P.E.]

The program--from the 21st to the 26th--includes the following parts:

Saturday the 21st...inauguration; dinner at Hotel Europa at night.

Sunday the 22nd.....informal meeting from 8 - 12 am; trip to Irazu in the afternoon.

Monday the 23rd.....work session 8-12 am and 7-10 pm.

Tuesday the 24th....work session 8-12 am.; visit to the museum in the afternoon; folk dances sponsored by the San Jose branch, in honor of visitors, at night.

Wednesday the 25th...work session 8-12 am.; visit to the university in the afternoon.

Thursday the 26th....work session 8-12 am.; meeting 2-5 pm.

Principal themes: to form in the Americas prominent leaders in education to unite elevated cultural level with a foundation in universal values or in liberty; to promote in each country of the Americas those trends in education which contribute to its development or progress; to formulate plans for future conferences on education in the Americas; to study the present situation in teachers' organizations with a view towards establishing professional teachers' association where necessary and to improve the perspectives and promote understanding among peoples.

Important Resolutions

Important resolutions made yesterday by the Committee for the Americas of the World Confederation of Teaching Professionals (Comite para las Americas de la Confederacion Mundial de Profesionales de la Ensenanza; W.C.O.T.P.; C.M.C.P.E.) meeting in this capital in A.N.D.E. Headquarters.

The state of the teaching profession - The C.M.O.P.E. program, in relation to the state of the teaching profession in the Americas, is based upon the following propositions:

(a) The economic state of teaching in relation to its professional standing should be improved;

(b) The teacher's salary should be based upon (1) academic qualification, (2) experience, (3) degree of responsibility in exercising a position.

(c) At the request of the National Educational Organizations (Organizaciones Nacionales Docentes) and based upon "b" above, it would be advantageous for experts to carry out studies on the economic state of teachers in the countries of the Americas;

(d) The teacher should be secure enough in the performance of his work to be freed from the extraneous influences (political, religious, social, and personal) which might be pernicious to, or distort that work. This is to be obtained through adequate legislation which seeks (1) to establish adequate requirements for his(her) degree, (2) stability in the development of his(her) teaching performance, after a minimum test period, without risking losing his(her) position because of untried duties to perform; (3) regulate the stability of the duties as concerns transfers, leaves, and promotions; (4) establish an adequate system to enjoy the right of retirement as a professional teacher (pension).

(e) The need to provide teacher training in all the specialties in autonomous normal schools ranking with a university.

(f) Formulation of programs which attract future students of the professions to the teaching profession.

Child Health

(a) Based on recognition of the important theme "Child Health and the School" taken up at the Annual Assembly of the W.C.O.T.P. this year, it is necessary that the National Educational Associations of the Americas (Asociaciones Nacionales Docentes de las Americas) answer the questionnaire prepared by the W.C.O.T.P. in order to have complete information on the subject on this continent and thus have a complete study of the world situation.

(b) Based on the fact that the health of the child is essential for an efficient education, the Educational Associations of the Americas shall promote and encourage information and services to maintain an elevated standard of good child health.

Secretary General Greets Teachers

With a select attendance of Costa Rican educators, there opened yesterday at the National Theater (Teatro Nacional) the first Conference of the Committee for the Americas (Conferencia del Comite para las Americas) of the World Confederation of Teaching Professionals (Confederacion Mundial de las Organizaciones de Profesionales de Ensenanza), under the auspices of this latter and of I.N.D.E. (Asociacion Nacional de Educadores).

The Minister of Public Education, Licenciado Fernando Runnebaum Quiros, presided, and who, in the name of the Executive Authority, and in beautiful and prudent words, welcomed the delegates of the ten countries of the Americas which were attending the far-reaching and important conference.

The President of A.N.D.E., Professor Gamaliel Cabezas, then spoke, emphasizing the transcendental importance of these meetings of educators, through which educational systems are strengthened and improved to the peoples' advantage. Mr. Cabezas also welcomed, in the name of A.N.D.E., the delegates to the important meeting from other countries of the Americas.

After a musical number by the orchestra directed by Professor Arnoldo Herrera, the Secretary General of the World Confederation of Teaching Professionals, Dr. William G. Carr of the U.S.A., spoke.

Dr. Carr explained the objectives of the meeting of the Committee for the Americas, and which we will summarize saying that they are the analysis of the educational problems of the continent in order to seek adequate solutions, the improvement of educational systems, the education and enlightenment of educators, and the rapprochement of these latter to the international plan.

In addition, he explained that the Committee for the Americas of C.M.O.P.E. was formed last year in Washington--the seat of the principal office of the Confederation--and for its first meeting had chosen Costa Rica in view of the brilliant history our country has in education.

Among other facts of great importance, Dr. Carr made known that C.H.O.P.E.--a non-governmental organization--has 106 affiliated organizations of educators of 61 countries of different languages, customs, religions, etc., but with the common objective to daily improve the methods and systems of education in order to obtain the happiness of mankind with the guarantee of peace and understanding among all peoples of the world; to this end, the Confederation has regional offices in Europe, India, Japan, and is now planning the formation of offices of this type in Africa and Latin America. He added that the Confederation meets annually in a general assembly to analyze the fundamental problems of education. These assemblies have been effected in England, Germany, Italy, Norway, the Philippines, and the U.S.A. This year's will be held at Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He also said that the Confederation has 3 million affiliated educators.

He praised the great Costan Rican educator Jose Guerrero--first president of A.N.D.E., and one of its founders--"whom I know for 15 years, and whom I have always admired."

At the meeting opened yesterday are delegates attending from Canada, U.S.A., Mexico, Panama, Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Venezuela, the Caribbean, and Costa Rica. The work sessions begin tomorrow, and the closing conference will be on Thursday the 26th.

The inaugural session was attended by the following, especially invited, persons in addition to the Minister of Education: the ex-presidents of A.N.D.E., Mr. Jose Guerrero, Miss Maria Cristina Rivera, and Mr. Guida Sanchez Fernandez, and the President of A.P.S.E., Professor Guillermo Herra Barrantes.