

# West Germany Moving To Help Underdeveloped Countries

Berlin - (UPI) - The German Foundation for Underdeveloped Countries is one of West Germany's latest efforts to assist the people of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The government-sponsored foundation offers six-week training courses for bank directors, school directors, local government administrators, cooperative managers, industrial managers and others from underdeveloped countries.

In addition, it gives one-week courses to German specialists preparing to go to work in such countries.

The foundation was set up by an initial 500,000 marks (\$119,048) grant from the German federal treasury and is housed in West Berlin's luxurious Borsig Estate, built by Germany's former "locomotive king."

**Expenses Paid**  
In addition, the German Foreign Office pays for living expenses, and in many cases transportation, for the normally top-level trainees from foreign lands.

The foundation provides three weeks of lectures in the Javish drawing and conference rooms or the Borsig mansion, sends the student-guests on a two-week tour of related German industries, and then winds up the course with a one-week consolidation and evaluation session.

Instructors for the seminars and tours are selected from among some of Germany's top industrial, university and government experts and officials.

Among the objectives outlined by Program Director Dieter Dankwort are:  
-That foreign experts learn something in their specialties that they can use at home.  
-That they make "personal contacts of a lasting nature" with specialists in Germany.  
-That they gain more political understanding of the situation in Germany and more realistic understanding of what communism is.

**'Moved' by Contrast**  
Dankwort said the foreign student-guests tour East Berlin as a part of the course and that they generally are "moved" by the contrast with West Berlin.

Though the foundation was established last year, renovation of the Borsig Estate, prevented the beginning of lectures before last June.  
Week-long sessions are held for instructors before each group of foreign guests arrives. At these sessions the instructors learn about their pupils, and the customs, needs, and peculiarities of the countries from which they come.

The first course for foreign guests during July and August was on agricultural cooperatives. Representatives came from Iran, Iraq, Burma, Thailand, Indonesia, Afghanistan, Turkey and Greece.

In each case the German embassies extended invitations to the various governments, asking them to select candidates who presented outlines of their backgrounds, training needs, and benefits which might be achieved by such training.

**Candidates Approved**  
The German Foreign Office then passed approval on the candidates.

The second foreign group is studying professional schools (from Aug. 24 to Sept. 25). Participants came from Pakistan, Ceylon, Lebanon, Jordan, Afghanistan, Egypt, Syria,

Thailand and Greece.

In November a group of German steel experts and administrators will be given a week's course on India, before being sent there to work in the steel mill being constructed by the West German government at Rourkelam.

Dankwort said the program for 1961 already has been filled and will include courses for eight different foreign groups from Asia, Africa and South America.

The foreign groups are made up of about 30 members who fall into the 35 to 45-year age bracket.

Dankwort explained that the foundation has other functions than teaching the foreign and German groups.  
It collects and compiles a bibliography of all German books and articles and lectures on the problems of the underdeveloped countries and ways of assisting them.



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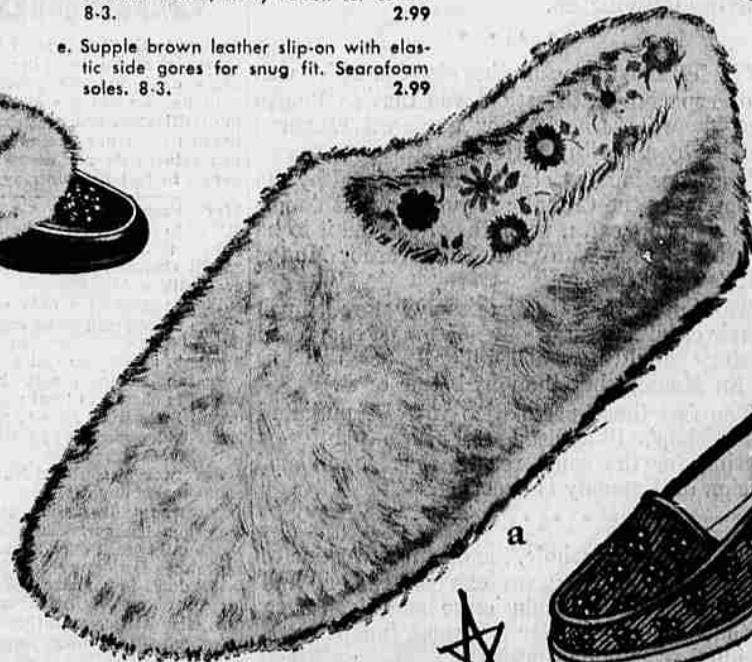


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