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1.0. Introduction. February, March, and April of 1965 constituted the seventh quarter of accelerated analysis and writing by the staff of the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change carried on under Contract Nº AID/csd-296.

Contract operations were handicapped still by lack of Agency approval of the 1964-65 and 1965-66 budgets. The staff continued its planned operations, nonetheless, and the rate of publication of scientific papers prepared under this contract rose sharply during this quarter. Information on publication impacts began to feed back to the University.

2.0. Field Research. Small-scale collection of field data for checking of already recorded findings went on during this quarter.

2.1. India. Sheldon Simon and Rhoda Simon continued to transmit reports on "Senapur" to Prof. M.E. Cpler. Mr. Partap Aggarwall also continued sending information.

2.2. Peru. Dr. Mario C. Vazquez terminated his investigations of social structure in Aquia, and returned to Ithaca on 14 March.

(a) Mr. Luis Hegron continued to collect information on current developments at Vicos.

(b) Mrs. Teresa Castillo continued her field studies in Palca into late February, then returned to Lima to analyze her findings.

2.3. Thailand. No field research was conducted in Thailand during this quarter.

3.0. On-Campus Analysis. The analytical pace of the members of the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change Staff slowed during this seventh quarter, in response to the rhythm of the academic year. The coordinator began teaching the departmental seminar in applied anthropology, and Professor Opler returned to teaching after his semester off for full-time analysis and writing, and Professor Holmberg faced a heavy instructional load during the Spring Term that began on 8 February.

3.1. Comparison. The coordinator carried forward the synthesis of available research on the central Andean region with Professor Holmberg. Besides reading proof on articles in press, and supervising much of the project personnel, he carried on administrative correspondence with the Office of Technical Cooperation and Research.

(a) Mrs. Kay Hanna continued as administrative assistant in terms of duties, awaiting Agency approval of the 1964-66 budget.

(b) Mrs. Lizbeth P. de Ibarra returned to the Cornell Campus on 23 April to take up duties as secretary to the coordinator.

(c) Mr. J. Oscar Alers, Research Associate, continued his analysis of Vicos values, and toward the end of the quarter assisted the coordinator in machine tabulation of data obtained by the Cornell Peru Project on the government-recognized Indigenous Communities in Peru.

3.2. Thailand. Professor Lauriston Sharp carried forward his analysis of Thai data during this quarter, on virtually a full-time basis.

(a) Mrs. Ruth Sharp advanced her analysis of Thai data.

(b) Mrs. Susan Rapaport continued as secretary to Professor Sharp.

3.3. India. Professor Morris E. Opler continued analyzing his India data at a slower rate as he returned to teaching duties during the Spring Term.

(a) Mrs. Rhonda Osborne continued as his full-time secretary.

(b) Mrs. Lucile Opler continued serving as his half-time secretary.

(c) Graduate Research Assistant Srinivasi Mani carried on his translation activities.

3.4. Andean Region. Professor Allan R. Holmberg and the coordinator concentrated on writing a synthesis of available information on subsistence agriculture in Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia, with lessons drawn from the Vicos experience.

(a) Graduate Research Assistant Ann Bodine resigned early in this quarter to take up a fellowship.

(b) Dr. Mario C. Vazquez turned to intensive, full-time analysis and writing beginning in mid-March. He revised his report on formal education in Vicos for publication as a monograph in Peru, then concentrated on analyzing development potential in Aquia, and bibliographic search on Peruvian social science, during the latter half of the quarter.

(c) Mrs. Katrina Morse began working half-time as secretary to Professor Holmberg.

3.5. Surinam. Dr. Katarina Oberg carried forward his synthesis of data on Surinam national development, especially in the peasant sector.

3.6. Nigeria. Dr. Jane M. Murphy advanced her analysis of data from rural and urban samples of Nigerian Yorubas.

3.7. Nova Scotia. Thomas Stone analyzed data from depressed rural communities to develop measures for assessing change in social interaction systems.

3.8. Puerto Rico. The draft report by Dorothy D. and James R. Bourne provided a primary occupation for the secretarial staff in mimeographing and collating copies during this quarter.

4.0. Scientific Papers Read. During the seventh quarter of contract operations, few scientific papers were presented by members of the staff of the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change, this being a season with few social science meetings.

4.1. Allan R. Holmberg discussed the Vicos case in central Andean context in a symposium on "Case Studies of Subsistence and Transition" on 4 March in a Conference on Subsistence and Peasant Economics sponsored by the Agricultural Development Council, Inc., in cooperation with the Institute of Advanced Projects, East-West Center, University of Hawaii.

4.2. Lauriston Sharp.

(a) "Thailand: Problems of the Northern Frontier," public lecture at Michigan State University, East Lansing, 22 February.

(b) "Hill Tribes of Thailand," informal talk to inter-departmental faculty group, Cornell University, 27 February.

(c) "The Modernization Process in Southeast Asia," Chairman, and participant in panel, Association of Asian Studies, San Francisco, 4 April.

5.0. Scientific Reports Transmitted. With the absorption of secretarial staff in reproducing the Pournes' report, and the relative commitment of analytical staff to instruction during the Spring Term, the preparation of draft reports fell during this quarter.

5.1. Case Studies of Subsistence and Transition: Vicos, Peru, by Allan R. Holmberg and Henry F. Dobyns was transmitted to the Office of Technical Cooperation and Research at the end of the quarter.

6.0. Scientific Papers Published. The rate of publication of Comparative Studies of Cultural Change papers rose markedly during this quarter.

6.1. The publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science papers transmitted to the Office of Technical Cooperation and Research during the previous quarter occurred during the seventh quarter. All appeared in the March issue, vol. 8, N° 7, of The American Behavioral Scientist.

- (a) J. Oscar Alers, "The Quest for Well-Being," pp.18-22.
- (b) Henry F. Dobyns, "The Strategic Importance of Enlightenment and Skill for Power," pp. 23-27.
- (c) Paul L. Doughty, "The Interrelationship of Power, Respect, Affection and Rectitude in Vicos," pp. 13-17.
- (d) Allan R. Holmberg, "The Changing Values and Institutions of Vicos in the Context of National Development," pp.3-8.
- (e) Harold D. Lasswell, "The Emerging Policy Sciences of Development: The Vicos Case," pp. 28-33.
- (f) Mario C. Vazquez, "The Interplay Between Power and Wealth," pp. 9-12.

6.2. Another result of the AAAS symposium was a meeting report prepared by Allan R. Holmberg and Henry F. Dobyns, "Transformation of Peasant Societies," published in Science, Vol. 147, No 3661, pp. 1062, 1064, and 1066.

6.3. Participation by Dr. Mario C. Vazquez in the Fifth Interamerican Indian Congress at Quito in October resulted in publication of two papers in Spanish during this quarter.

(a) "Actitud y conducta hacia una innovacion tecnologica" Procesos de Integracion, V Congreso Indigenista Interamericano, Primer Tomo, pp. 124-130, reported on basic agricultural innovations at Vicos and their acceptance.

(b) "Campesinos Andinos en un valle costeno del Peru," ibid., pp. 131-140, reported Dr. Vazquez' analysis of land tenure patterns in the Viru Valley.

6.4. Publication Impacts. During this quarter some of the impact achieved by the titles prepared and submitted to the Office of Technical Cooperation and Research under Contract AID/csd-296 began to be more apparent than before.

(a) On February the director of the Peruvian Inter-ministerial Executive Committee of Popular Cooperation requested 12 copies of the monograph The Social Matrix of Peruvian Indigenous Communities in English, and asked for 12 copies in Spanish just as soon as it is translated. A request was made on 15 February for a desk copy of this monograph by an instructor at Los Angeles State College, with a view toward employing it as a textbook.

(b) The American Behavioral Scientist issue on Vicos began to be used for training purposes almost as soon as it appeared. The International Programs and Services at Teachers College of Columbia University reported on 26 April a plan to use the Vicos material in a joint seminar of Afghan and Peruvian educators. On 1 April The International Programs of the College of Education at Michigan State University requested a dozen reprints for graduate seminar use. On March 15 the

Office of Planning in the National Institute of Mental Health requested 5 copies.

7.0. Public Services. The Comparative Studies of Cultural Change Staff continued to respond to varied demands for public lecturing and service.

7.1. Henry F. Dobyns.

(a) "The Otavalo Indians in the Andes," to wives of staff and graduate students in the Animal Husbandry Department, Cornell University, 18 February.

(b) "Anthropology" to social studies teachers, Public Schools of Newton, Massachusetts, 6 April.

(c) Conference on Fulbright Scholar program in Peru, Committee on International Exchange of Persons, Washington, D.C., 7 April.

7.2. Allan R. Holmberg.

(a) Advisory Committee meeting, Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C., 1,2,3, February.

(b) Foreign Area Fellowship, 5 February, New York.

(c) Social Science Research Council, New York, 6 February.

(d) "Foreign Assistance Abroad," Seminar in Graduate School of Business, Harvard University, 19 February.

(e) "Use of the Behavioral Sciences in Promoting Education," Seminar, College of Home Economics, Cornell University, 15 March.

(f) United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., 7-8 April.

(g) "An Anthropologist Looks at Woman's Work," Seminar, College of Home Economics, Cornell University, 13 April.

(h) Consulting on applied anthropology program, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 21-23 April.

(i) Science Advisory Committee Meeting, Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C., 23 April.

7.3. Morris E. Opler.

(a) Member Dissertation Selection Committee, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

(b) Consultant, social science manuscripts, Dorsey Press.

7.4. Lauriston Sharp.

(a) Consultation with Thailand Education Project, Michigan State University, March 23.

(b) National Science Foundation, Anthropology Panel Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 13-15.

(c) Consultation with Division of Southeast Asian Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D.C., March 15.

(d) Consultation with Agricultural Development Council, Dr. Milton Barnett, New York, March 17.

(e) Association of Asian Studies meeting (Committees on International Congress of Orientalists; International Liaison; and Southeast Asia meetings, San Francisco, April 31-May 4.

(f) Chairman, Public meeting on Vietnam, Cornell, April 9.

(g) Consultation with Ronald J. Hart, Cultural Research Center, Maryknoll Seminary, Ithaca, April 21.

(h) Asia Society, Board of Trustees meeting, New York, April 28.

8.0. Plans for the Coming Quarter. The eighth quarter will see the Spring Term end, and all senior investigators on the staff of the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change begin full-time analysis and writing during the summer.

8.1. Thailand. Professor Sharp is attempting to arrange to have another Thai specialist on campus to work with him throughout the summer.

8.2. India. Alice Turner, who has worked in India under a Fulbright award and who has analyzed and written up materials for the Human Relations Area Files, will devote the summer to writing on the basis of the India material.

(b) Shaligram Shukla, a linguist who is conversant with Hindi local dialects as well as standard Hindi, will assist in translation and the checking of materials in which a linguist's skills are necessary.

8.3. Andean Area. Professor Holmberg expects to devote this summer to writing, in collaboration with personnel he has trained in the Andean area.

(a) Dr. Mario C. Vazquez will remain on campus during the entire quarter, writing and analyzing data.

(b) Dr. Paul L. Doughty of Indiana University will spend the summer on the Cornell campus writing.

(c) Mr. J. Oscar Alers will spend the summer in analysis and writing.

(d) Dr. Henry F. Dobyns will spend the summer writing on campus.

8.4. Surinam. Dr. Kalervo Oberg will terminate his Surinam write-up early in the coming quarter. He will then go to Stanford University to teach applied anthropology in its summer session, and then to the University of Southern California.