

Overseas Education Fund

OF THE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS



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IN ESSENCE, the Overseas Education Fund has created a partnership between the resources of education, government, and the private sector of our society. As the agent for this partnership, the Fund seeks to encourage and to service civic programs and activities which will benefit Latin American citizens and to provide intensive training for the leaders and potential leaders who can make civic progress a reality.

Each year, our plans must be carefully laid to make new beginnings (and wait patiently for their fruition into full-fledged programs), lend reinforcement in personnel and counsel where it is most needed, and withdraw from those areas where active support can be blended into occasional guidance. All phases of these activities took place in our work this year.

Like most service organizations, the Fund faces a constant pressure in meeting its basic operational costs and in finding the financial and human resources to meet its goals. With no actual membership constituency, we rely upon those organizations and individuals who support us by giving of their

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Designated Fund Balance from Prior Year	\$ 17,147
Designated Contributions and Grants	11,456
Less: Designated Income Deferred to Future Period	(15,118)
Undesignated Contributions and Grants	105,041
Reimbursements for Program Services	161,856
Publications (Gross)	1,057
Interest and Dividends	1,705
Other	60
	\$283,204

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A round table begins at the Argentine Workshop in May on The Voluntary Organization as a Laboratory for Democracy.



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time, their interest, their counsel, or their own financial resources.

I am both pleased and proud to report that we have found the partners to join us in our chosen task. Not only have our programs become increasingly effective, but we have successfully completed the year just run in healthy financial condition after several years of strained resources.

But we know that we do not follow a static course. An opportunity successfully realized inevitably leads to expanded opportunities for assistance, for reinforcement, training, or guidance. A program successfully concluded for one country has extended our experience and capability to serve other countries.

The year just ended has had many highlights. Next year there will be different and equally worthwhile ones. But to chart our course, and to run it well, we will continue to need old friends and new as active partners in the task.

Sincerely,

Martha Briscoe

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One of the 39 delegates to the Central American Workshop IV — "The Role of Democratic Processes in Social Action" — prepares a presentation for her colleagues at the April conference held in San Jose, Costa Rica.



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\$273,949	South American Field Program
35,695	Central American Field Program
5,095	Leadership Institute
3,572	Russian Exchange
	Headquarters Program Services: Publications, Briefings, and Advisory Services
	Organizational Development

EXPENSE*

March 30, 1967

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE CITIZENRY

IN AREAS of the world where as few as three per cent of the population have a share in planning for their own future through participation in the processes of government, there can be little hope for long range political stability and social and economic progress without major change. Whether change will be peaceful and evolutionary or violent and revolutionary may well depend on the quality and satisfaction of citizen participation.

For twenty years, the Overseas Education Fund of the League of Women Voters has had as its mission the sharing of concepts and techniques of self-help and self-government with citizens in other countries who are seeking to make progress. While the Fund's headquarters services are available to women leaders from all parts of the world, its field activities and intensive training programs have been primarily devoted since 1961 to the women of Latin America.

Our sister nations to the south — brought closer to us every day by rapid improvements in communication and transportation — still lack a necessary dimension for achieving forward progress. Poverty, ignorance, and disease — these problems must be faced and fought with strategies of self-help. And self-help involves self-government and orderly methods of change.

Unlike its parent organization, the League of Women Voters, the Fund does not identify itself with specific governmental issues. Its programs are devoted to helping citizens prepare themselves for participation in resolving social and economic problems as they see fit. Primarily, this means imparting the methods by which groups of citizens learn to analyze the needs of their communities and countries and organize themselves to plan a solution and work toward it.

The learning process must begin with an awakening of the individual's interest in his own potential and his self-confidence in his ability to play an effective part in the governmental process or the voluntary organization. Important — indeed, critical — by-products of the process will be a growing concern for the needs of *all* individuals and increased understanding of the importance of effective human relations. And the visible end result will be stable, orderly progress in the social, economic, and political structures and activities which are the foundations of any society.

THE WORK OF THE

A HIGHLIGHT of the year just passed was the countries — Argentina and Bolivia. National co-sponsored by OEF and local organizations — were the first of its kind in the country; the Bolivian works progress in program planning, local financing, and participation.

The Argentine workshop focused on the voluntary development of projects and programs with and by the cities and 75 observers. The Bolivian conference — country — studied Women's Responsibility for National nutrition, child protection, and environmental health.

The actual ten day training periods, valuable as the and in focusing national public attention on the tasks of Months of planning and preparation under OEF coun effective team work and committee effort. For both p education-by-doing activity. And it results in on-going organizations involved.

Elsewhere in Latin America, our Central America under the supervision of our Field Director, Dra. Gra Commission of Women. There are women's civic organi interest among the professions of social work and edu democratic process.

Perhaps one of the most vivid illustrations of OE projects program with leader teams in the Central Am fourth regional Conference on civic leadership training American graduates who had just completed their tra munity leaders from their home countries in selecting public schools, adult education and literacy programs, r

For the Leadership Institute, OEF's own unique c civic education, this has been a year of intensive reeval excellent academic facilities and hospitality of Pembro at Wellesley College), the Institute has been moved to M 1967, primarily to take advantage of the opportunity to has been shortened from eight months to four months, b the longer program and added new ones. For the outstanding young women from Peru, Ecuador, Boli intensive training in community analysis and action t

The year just ended saw a successful continuation Multi-National Seminar was held at our Washington fifteen distinguished women leaders from seven Latin provides visitors from other nations with an introduct the request of government or private agencies, last year countries throughout the world.

And there have been stimulating innovations. A American diplomats in Washington on organization le tionally well received. And one of the year's highlight Women's Committee — was a visiting delegation of four were our guests for the month of June. With Mrs. Geo the delegation visited New York, Indianapolis, Denver gave them a generous and friendly exposure to many as

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ation of intensive efforts in two South American leadership training conferences in both countries — unprecedented success. The Argentine workshop was up was a second annual effort and yielded impressive nation across a broad range of socio-economic groups.

organization as a laboratory of democracy and the community. It was attended by delegations from six 28 delegates and 75 observers from throughout the Development, covering such issues as basic education,

are in their approach to social and economic problems development, are only the tip of the iceberg that shows. strengthened the sponsoring organizations and insured umers and participants, the national conference is an g projects and programs and in new goals for the

a program, now in its fourth year, continues strong laela Quan, former chairman of the Inter-American tions active in almost every country and a quickening ation in furthering an interest and competence in the

7's education-and-service mission is the national civic rican countries. The idea was developed at OEF's held in April in Costa Rica. There, sixteen Central ning at OEF's Leadership Institute, joined with com- projects for year long team action. They will reach dio schools, volunteer organizations, and labor unions.

tribution to the embryonic discipline of international ation. After enjoying for two productive years the e College in Brown University (and two earlier years trocenter of Boston University beginning in September, participate in urban community programs. The Institute at careful planning has retained most of the values of 5 candidates who are enrolled in the Fall session — ia, Argentina, and Chile — the Institute will provide chniques.

of several of our traditional activities. Our annual headquarters in the Fall — a two week program for American countries. Our Other Areas program, which on to the civic aspects of U.S. life at their request or conducted 41 tours or briefings for visitors from 27

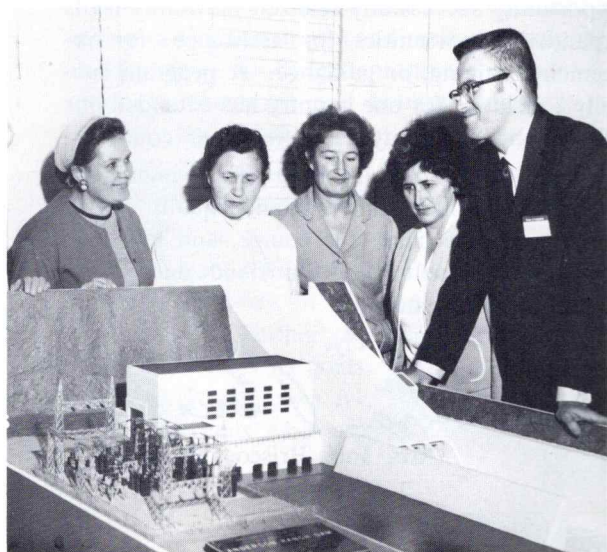
short course especially designed for the wives of Latin dership, public relations, and fund raising was excep- — the culmination of long negotiations with the Soviet prominent and charming Russian women leaders who ge A. Little, our First Vice President, as official escort, and Washington, where Leagues of Women Voters ects of social and civic life in our country.



Mrs. Lyndon Johnson attends the White House ceremony for graduates of OEF Leadership Institute IV in April. Mrs. John Briscoe, OEF President, awards the Institute Certificate to Ana Gertrudis Rodriguez of Panama.



OEF's Multi-National Seminar for Latin American women leaders takes place at Washington headquarters each Fall under a grant from the Department of State.



Four Russian women leaders, guests of OEF on an exchange program with the Soviet Women's Committee, visit the Reclamation Engineering and Research Center at Denver during their tour of the United States.

One of the 26 women governors appointed by President Balaguer of the Dominican Republic visits citizens in her province; an OEF volunteer leader visited the country in April, and a series of conferences on civic leadership training will be part of OEF's activities in 1967-68.



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