

maintained with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons in that a number of VRA projects are being initiated to study the vocational rehabilitation of Federal public offenders.

4. In the area of rehabilitation facilities and workshops: The Rehabilitation Facilities Division maintains close liaison with the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division of the Department of Labor relative to certification of sheltered workshops. There is also a recurring relationship with the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped concerning problems of workshop employment and architectural barriers. Since residential facilities for the handicapped may be constructed adjacent to sheltered workshops, this Division also coordinates with the Federal Housing Administration.

5. In the area of international activities: The program of the VRA Division of International Activities works cooperatively with the Department of State and the International Office of the Department of Labor. The approval of rehabilitation research projects and communications relating to project operation pass through the Office of the Science Adviser, Department of State, where purposes are determined to be in accord with U.S. foreign policy. The Division receives rehabilitation trainees from other countries whose support is provided by the United Nations fellowship program and the foreign training program of the Agency for International Development. These trainees are referred by the Department of State through its Agency for International Development. The Division cooperates also with the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Exchange of the Department of State by arranging or participating in arranging the programs for leaders and specialists brought by the Bureau of the United States to study and observe rehabilitation activities. The Division also cooperates through the exchange of information on rehabilitation activities of mutual interest with the International Labor Organization, as well as the World Health Organization. Evidences of this cooperation are seen in the ILO recommendation 99 endorsed by the International Labor Conference of 1955 and the companion resolution of the International Labor Conference in June 1965 reporting on 10 years of activity under resolution 99.

(d) Under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, the program must be administered through the vocational rehabilitation agency. Thus, the major focus of all of our efforts is directed to help each State vocational rehabilitation agency build the strongest possible program.

(e) The Vocational Rehabilitation Administration has no direct responsibility for working with local community agencies except as they may qualify as a grantee under one of our programs or as we may provide assistance through the State vocational rehabilitation agencies to expand and strengthen local rehabilitation programs.

(f) *With Foreign Governments or International Organizations.*—The Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, with the assistance of and through the American Embassies, maintains on-the-spot negotiations when indicated with members of the Ministries, Departments or other appropriate parts of the national governments of other countries in relation to the initiation and operation of international rehabilitation research projects. For example, VRA has planned projects with the Ministry of Social Affairs of the United Arab Republic and assisted representatives of the Ministry in interpreting proposed research undertakings to selected sponsors, such as the orthopedic department