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THE PROMOTION OF INTER-AMERICAN CULTURAL RELATIONS

UNDER the terms of the Convention for the Promotion of Inter-American Cultural Relations the United States has now arranged exchanges of students and professors with nine of the American republics. Ten graduate students from the other American republics have been selected for study in the United States and four additional students will soon be chosen. Eight graduate students and three professors from the United States have been invited to study and teach in other American countries. One of these is Dr. Carroll William Dodge, professor of botany at Washington University, St. Louis, who has been selected by the Government of Guatemala as exchange professor. These arrangements have been made between the United States and the Governments of Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Venezuela. In addition the United States has been informed that the Governments of Brazil and Peru will undertake similar arrangements in the near future. Plans for these exchanges have been worked out jointly by the Department of State and the Office of Education of the Federal Security Agency. In addition the Governments of Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Peru have indicated their desire to receive a professor from the United States and negotiations are now in process.

The present status of exchanges under the Convention for the Promotion of Inter-American Cultural Relations is therefore as follows:

The Government of *Brazil* has officially notified this government of its intention to inaugurate exchanges in the near future.

The Government of *Chile* has awarded fellowships to two American students and the Government of the United States has awarded fellowships to four Chilean students. Chile is also negotiating for an American professor.

The Government of *Costa Rica* has awarded fellowships to two U. S. students and the Government of the United States will shortly award two fellowships to Costa Rican students. Costa Rica is also negotiating for an American professor.

The Government of the *Dominican Republic* has awarded fellowships to two American students and the Government of the United States has awarded fellowships to two Dominican students. The Dominican Government is also negotiating for an American professor.

The Government of *Guatemala* has selected an American professor.

The Republic of *Haiti* has submitted a panel of students for consideration by the United States.

The Government of *Nicaragua* has selected an American professor and negotiations are in process for the exchange of students.

The Government of *Panama* has awarded a fellowship to an American student and the Government of the United States has awarded fellowships to two Panamanian students.

Fellowships have been awarded by the United States to two students from the Republic of *Paraguay*.

The Government of *Peru* has notified the United States that it will shortly initiate exchange arrangements.

The Government of *Venezuela* has selected an American professor, who is now in Venezuela, and has awarded a fellowship to an American student.

The Buenos Aires Convention was signed by each of twenty-one American Republics at the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace held in Buenos Aires in 1936 and has been ratified by thirteen countries. The exchange program is directed toward the development of a more realistic understanding.

The expenses involved in the exchange program are shared by the participating governments. The nominating governments will pay the round trip travel costs of students together with other incidental expenses. The receiving government will pay tuition, subsidiary expenses and board and lodging at the institutions in which the visiting students are enrolled.

GRANTS IN AID OF RESEARCH

THE American Association for the Advancement of Science awards grants in aid of research at its annual meeting in December. Since the income from the association's permanent fund has never been great and is declining somewhat with decreasing rates of return from investment, the grants are necessarily small, rarely exceeding \$250. Awards are often made to assist in completing investigations already under way or for supplementing funds available from other sources. There are, however, no established limitations on fields or purposes for which grants may be awarded.

Grants in aid of research are awarded upon the recommendation of the committee on grants, which consists of eight members, two elected each year by the council for a term of four years. The members of the committee on grants are chosen from among the various sciences so that every principal field of science is represented.

In order that applications for grants from the association may be examined and passed on by the committee on grants in time to make a report to the council at the meeting in Philadelphia in December, they must be filed in the office of the Permanent Secretary by November 10. After the applications are received they are mimeographed and copies of them are sent to each member of the committee on grants. Application forms and full instructions respecting the information that must be submitted will be furnished by the office of the Permanent Secretary, the Smithsonian Institution Building, Washington, D. C.