

COMMUNICATION

INSTALLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF THE HUMAN PROBLEMS OF LABOUR

(Namur, Belgium)

In the course of a ceremonial meeting which took place at Jambes (Namur), the board of directors of the International Institute for the Study of the human Problems of Labour – World Labour Promotion Centre was installed in the presence of very many personalities of the diplomatic, scientific, economic and social worlds.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Denis, Principal Private Secretary of Mr. Léon Servais, the Minister of Labour and State Insurance. It was addressed by the Senator-Burgomaster Jean Materne of Namur, Mr. Denis, Principal Private Secretary representing Mr. Léon Servais, the Minister of Labour and State Insurance, foreign delegates from Luxemburg, France, Great-Britain and the Federal German Republic, as well as by a number of personalities.

The General President of the Institute, Mr. Jean Fourmoy gave precise details about the beginnings, the mission, the working and the activities of the International Institute. He declared that it was necessary to substitute more rational structures for goodwill empiricism and to humanize labour, that is to say to redirect and construct the social organization by drawing inspiration above all from the material, psychological, moral and spiritual needs of man. He then recalled the resolutions that were carried unanimously at the end of the 1947 Congress and stated that he was happy to be able to proceed to install the board of directors which at the present time includes the representatives of fourteen countries.

The first Congress of the Belgian section studied the "Relations between Labour, the Sciences and Technics", the second Congress will be held at Bruges in June, 1959 and its theme will be: "Labour, fatigue, rest, spare time, leisure hours, relaxation".

The next international congress will take place at Namur in 1960. On its agenda will be put the two important subjects mentioned above, which will in the meantime have been studied by the various national sections.

A copy of the special number of "Labour and Humanism", the review of the International Institute, containing full information in four languages regarding this new organization, was distributed. It may be obtained free of charge by simply sending a request to the Headquarters of the Institute at 1, rue Général Michel, Namur, (Tel. 26387).