TCA Invites Students To Volunteer Meeting

Students interested in the Social Service Division of the Technology Community Association may at-
dend a discussion meeting at 4:00 pm tomorrow in Room 5630-Walker Memorial.

The purpose of the recruitment meeting is to explain the Associa-
tion’s volunteer program. Current volunteer projects include the:

- Rudyard tutorial project, neighbor-
hood club work, organizing athletic programs, help for inna-
cure children, Help Week projects, volunteer hospital work, and the
Summer Study Program for high-

Military Policy, Communism, Development Studied

By Anthony Pappas

Since its founding in 1951, the
Center for International Studies has conducted research concern-
ing international affairs. Today, the Center is primarily engaged in
study in four areas: economic and political development, inter-
national communications, the Communist bloc, and military and
foreign policy.

The Center is not a consulting
agency for foreign nations or the
federal government. It does not
have any contracts with foreign
nations to provide specific advice
on economic problems. It merely
tries to penetrate beneath current
policy issues to the underlying
social forces which continuously
alter the framework of interna-
tional affairs. However, the Cen-
ter’s studies are available to gov-
nment agencies, and many of its
members spend a certain por-
tion of their time dealing explic-
tly with policy matters.

Development Programs

The Center is perhaps best
known for its work concerning the
developed countries. In the
early years of research on econ-
omic development was largely limited to eco-
nomic analysis. While the econ-
omic dimension is still very
much part of the picture, a sub-
c conflated political aspects of
the social and political aspects of
change is now included.

When the Center undertakes
projects, each member of its
staff usually concentrates on
a specific topic. In the Indian
project, which has lasted more
than 10 years, for example, Prof. Paul
N. Rosenstein-Rodan has been
concerned primarily with prob-
lems of regional development and
transportation, giving special at-
tention to the appropriate balance
between rail and highway expan-
sion and to the total transport
investment requirements for the
third five-year plan.

Sir Donald MacDougall, of Ox-
ford, investigated foreign-ex-
change requirements for the plan.
In particular, he studied the ex-
port potential of the Indian eco-
nomy and its effect on the Indian
balance of payments.

This year, Dr. Robert Noft, of
the London Institute of Economics and Social Research, is studying
pecific problems of fiscal policy
adapted to Indian development
needs and problems of price
policy. An important aspect
of the program has been to invite
several young Indian scholars to
M.I.T. for further training in eco-
nomic-development research.

Prof. Everett R. Eagen has this
year edited a series of case stud-
ies on the planning experience of
a number of countries for inclu-
sion in a handbook on economic
development planning. The stu-
dies analyse an economically ad-
vanced country, Great Britain,
and eight less advanced coun-
tries.

The Center has for some time
intended to extend the compara-
tive basis of its research on devel-
opment problems by undertaking
studies in one or more Latin
American countries. The Ford
Foundation has provided support
for a set of economic and social
studies on major problems of
Venezuelan society, intended to
locale points of conflict and pos-
ible bases for consensus among
large number of representatives
to different levels in Venezuelan society. The
program will soon get under way.

Specifically, interviews will be
conducted among representatives
groups in three major types of
regions: highly industrialized
and rapidly modernizing regions
such as the Caracas/Maracay region;
regions of low economic growth
and social change such as the
Andes and Cunca; and frontier re-

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