

ty two nations and territories received I.L.O. aid under the technical assistance programme (in the form of vocational training, rehabilitation of persons disabled through labour accidents, rational employment of manpower). On a regional scale, aid has been coordinated with special agencies in Bangalore (India) for Asia, at Istanbul for the Middle and Near East, at Lima for South America, Mexico City for Mexico, the Antilles and Central America and at Lagos for Africa.

Generally speaking, the real value of such programmes lies in their appeal to any country desiring to make use of the experience and knowledge of nations with different economic and social de-

velopment stages and of the assistance of civil and cultural associations.

The I.L.O. has recently undertaken an educational programme for workers (courses, conferences, furnishing of audiovisual apparatus) and vocational training schemes (training of technical personnel, management, etc.), principally addressed to those countries that are now undergoing strong economic and industrial expansion and, in 1960, decided upon the foundation of an «International Institute of Social Studies» in Geneva, for the purpose of furthering a better understanding of labour problems in all nations and finding the most suitable solutions.

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AN AMPHIBIAN CAR FOR EVERYBODY

The Industrierwerke Company of Karlsruhe is just starting an assembly line for an amphibian car in its Lubeck factory. This amphibian automobile for civilian, private use will be known as the amphicar. The first 25,000 amphicars are bound for the American market. The amphicar looks like an ordinary car with four wheels and four seats. It is powered by a 1200 ccm four-stroke engine with four cylinders. On the road it does 75 miles per hour. You can drive it straight into any river or lake, switching the engine over to a couple of plastic propellers in the rear. This converts the car into a boat, though in water it does only six to seven miles per hour. Still, here is a car which can be used as a motor-boat, and no longer depends on bridges.