

BOOKS AND REVIEWS

L'Organisation internationale du Travail et les droits de l'homme (The International Labour Office and Human Rights), by Nicolas Valticos, *Revue des droits de l'homme*, Paris 1969, Vol. II, 1.

Furthermore, action undertaken by the Organisation will be intensified in fields which are vitally important for human rights, such as discrimination and equal opportunity. In this respect, the ILO Administrative Council in November 1968 approved a general programme of activities making provision, particularly, for the regular holding on both regional and world-wide bases of meetings to examine equal employment opportunities. The first of such meetings is to be held in Asia in 1969. The programme also includes activities of an educational order in this field, a preparation of studies on various practical means to promote equal opportunities, the possible adoption of further international standards in the field of discrimination, technical co-operation designed to improve economic and social conditions for people who had been subject to discrimination or had suffered from inequality of opportunity, etc.

The ILO's programme related to Human Rights will no doubt be more systematically co-ordinated so that it will not constitute merely a particular sector and hermetic division of the Organisation's activities, but so that all of the Organisation's activities, whether they be the drawing up of standards, research work, educational programmes and practical activities, will be based on the need to broaden horizons for the free exercise of individual rights and the fulfilment of everyone's personality. According to the ILO Director General, the Organisation should continue to widen the scope of its activities to promote economic development, but such development was a means and not an end in itself. The criterion for each stage in the ILO's work should be the extent to which the Organisation's action has permitted a greater number of people to lead a fuller, richer, and freer life.

In the Shadow of War, by Pierre Boissier, *World Scouting*, Geneva, 1969, No. 2.

The Convention on prisoners of war has (and historians acknowledge this) completely changed life in camps. One only has to compare prisoner of war camps and concentration camps in Germany to be convinced