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On April 23, the sixteenth class of the USAID-financed São Paulo Workers' Education Institute (Instituto Cultural do Trabalho - ICT) concluded. The class was composed of twenty-four students representing thirteen diverse professional vocations and drawn from eight states of Brazil. The students, all active trade unionists, concluded an intensive eight-week resident training program during which they studied various economic, history and trade union related subjects.

The graduation ceremony, the evening of April 25th, was chaired by Olavo PREVIATTI, President of the ICT and of the National Confederation of Industrial Workers -- the largest Brazilian trade union confederation. Special guests at the program were William EDWARDS of the CWA and Henry ANGLIN, of the Postal Clerks Union, currently visiting Brazil as participants in the Union-to-Union program. Their presences at the program, together with representatives of AIFLD, vividly demonstrated the cooperation and assistance of the American trade union movement with the Brazilian labor movement.

The current class of students were the first group to pass through the new residence of the ICT. In the beginning of March the ICT moved from the center of the city into two large residential houses outside the center of town. Under the intense guidance of the new ICT director Melcio MAGHERZANI (former President of the São Paulo State Telephone Workers Union) the old buildings were completely remodeled.

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One building was converted into an administrative center for the AFLD-supported educational activities of the ICT as well as offices for the directorate of the Education Institute. The other building was reconstructed and converted into a dormitory and residences for the students, with classroom facilities at the rear of the building. In four brief weeks, Maghonzani, with the constant assistance of Ruben RAMOS, director of the AFLD office in São Paulo, engineered the conversion of the student residence and by the first of April had relocated the students from a hotel in the center of São Paulo into the new resident center.

The new ICT center is reported to be the only resident union-training facilities in South America. It is the hope of the directors of the ICT to develop the Institute into an international educational center and they have therefore embarked on a program to bring the facilities of the Institute to the attention of international trade secretariats, Brazilian entities and Latin American trade union centers.

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