

Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Prize Nadezhda K. Krupskaya Prize 1975

THE JURY appointed by the Director-General to award the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Nadezhda K. Krupskaya Prizes for meritorious work in the field of adult literacy, having met on 28, 29 and 30 August 1975 in Teheran at the invitation of the Government of Iran,

Thanking profoundly the authorities of the host country for their warm hospitality,

Recalling that the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Nadezhda K. Krupskaya Prizes were endowed in 1967 and 1969, respectively, thanks to generous offers on the part of H. I. M. the Shahinshah of Iran and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

Emphasizing that the object of these Prizes is to stimulate the efforts of communities and individuals and to mobilize public opinion in favour of adult literacy,

Noting with satisfaction that an important number of nominations submitted in 1975, International Women's Year, made references to the efforts accomplished in view of eliminating the injustice and discrimination to which women have been nearly always subjected in

most educational systems and to obtain a larger participation from the feminine population in the political, economic and socio-cultural life of the people, that several projects and programmes have successfully integrated effective measures, without which the educational process would not be possible, in line with the exigencies of massive literacy and post-literacy activities, which imply more and more the mobilization of the whole society, and that in certain cases the collective will to fight illiteracy has been sustained and guided by remarkable personalities whose contributions to theory and to organization on a national scale have permitted an identification between the programme and its leader, which contributes positively to the necessary mobilization of resources and intellects,

Having examined the 27 nominations received, from governments or international non-governmental organizations, in accordance with the stipulations and criteria set out in the general rules,

has unanimously decided

to award the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Prize for 1975

to PAULO FREIRE, NOMINATED BY BELGIUM, for his conception of literacy and education founded on the awakening and the developing of the critical awareness of adults regarding themselves and the reality of their environment, for his commitments to place literacy in the development process of Man in all his individual and social dimensions, for his original contributions to literacy methodology which have been applied in several countries of diverse cultural backgrounds, particularly in Latin America, and for his generous contribution to the concept that education must not only consist of a pedagogical activity, but also build the foundations for the exercise of liberty and participation of men in the creation of their own history; and

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to ABDIRIZAK MOHAMOUD ABUKAR, NOMINATED BY SOMALIA, for the intensive activity he sustained during many years as a political and intellectual animateur of a vast national movement of people's education, for having conducted researches which led to the adoption of the Latin script for writing the Somali language, which contributed to strengthen national linguistic unity, for the implementation of a large-scale national literacy programme embodying mobilization of the whole society (especially young students) in an effort to make the educational system as well as the urban, rural and nomadic population achieve literacy objectives, for putting at the disposal of this programme the institutional, financial and technical means as well as professional skills which are indispensable for any mass literacy enterprise, and for the remarkable quantitative results achieved in its implementation in successive phases and in a relatively short time.

THE JURY, aware of the need to recognize, publicize and encourage the many initiatives and activities devoted to literacy work which can provide a source of inspiration and an incentive to emulation, has also decided:

to award honourable mentions of the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Nadezhda K. Krupskaya Prizes

to the following institutions, projects and persons:

Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Prize

FUNCTIONAL LITERACY PROJECT OF THE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AND CO-OPERATIVES PROGRAMME (PACCA), AFGHANISTAN, for its achievement at the experimental stage demonstrating an application of functional literacy principles in rural areas by using jointly national, bilateral and international

resources, for encouraging the exchange of personnel with other developing countries and providing the base for an enlarged national literacy programme, which implementation will be effective in the near future;

ABD EL TAWAD YOUSSEF, EGYPT, for his effort, over twenty-five years, to contribute to the service of literacy in the Arab countries his qualities as a writer, for the continuing use of the mass media for the promotion of adult education, and for his devotion as organizer of a large national scale literacy programme under the sponsorship of the Central Committee of the Arab Socialist Union (Egypt);

PANAMANIAN WORKERS' NATIONAL TRADE UNION, PANAMA, for its example of trade union solidarity in co-operation with governmental services in organizing an intensive programme during which previously trained urban trade unionists worked several weeks in rural communities in teaching literacy;

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION, ZAMBIA, for the encouraging results obtained respecting agricultural productivity and growth and the improvement of the general living conditions by its functional literacy programme for women in rural communities.

Nadezhda K. Krupskaya Prize

DIRECTORATE OF LITERACY AND EDUCATION PERMANENTE, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CONGO, for its success in maintaining and expanding the literacy level already acquired by the population, through the publication of the rural journal "Sengo", through the use of mobile libraries, and the organization of rural groups for the implementation of a health education programme, as well as for experimenting with new techniques to strengthen post-literacy in the frame of education permanente;

KERALA GRANDASALA SANGHIAM (LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF KERALA), INDIA, for its example of large-scale and imaginative utilization of a chain of more than four thousand libraries, supported mainly by community contributions and for having organized additional supporting services such as sport, arts, education for children and literacy courses, assisted by various staff training programmes and by the production of reading material;

INSTITUTION FOR WORKERS' EDUCATION, IRAQ, for its notable efforts aimed at eliminating illiteracy among industrial workers, for integrating literacy with trade union and professional education, for mobilizing and training workers as voluntary teachers, and for the articulation obtained between the literacy programme and the national educational system;

NATIONAL SERVICE FOR LITERACY, TOGO, for the efficient implementation of a functional literacy programme in vernacular languages in agricultural communities utilizing well adapted, pedagogical methods and leading to the planning of a future programme on a national scale addressed to the rural population, as well as the positive influence of the Togolese experience on the educational activities of other African countries.

THE JURY also wishes to express its appreciation of all the persevering and fruitful efforts achieved for literacy of the masses throughout the whole world, including certain developed countries; it therefore invites governments and interested organizations to encourage these meritorious works and to support their substantial diffusion throughout the entire international community in order to strengthen the solidarity and essential exchanges by those who are engaged in the decisive battle against ignorance.

Members of the Jury:

H. I. H. Princess Ashraf Pahlavi

Mr. Rodolfo Barón Castro

H. E. Mr. Ben Mahdy Cissé

Mr. G. N. Filonov

Mr. James Robbins Kidd