

# nuclear medicine in practice

A party of fifteen medical doctors and scientists left the Agency's headquarters on 14 May to begin a six-week tour of the USSR, Sweden, Denmark and Czechoslovakia.

The object is to study techniques now used in those countries for the measurement of radioisotopes in the human body, and to examine their application in clinical medicine and research.

This is the fourth study tour to have been organized by the IAEA.



Participants in the tour, which is being financed under the United Nations Development Programme, will apply the knowledge they gain for work in their home countries. They have been drawn from Algeria, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Greece, Honduras, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Sudan, Syria, Thailand and Uruguay.

At a ceremony to mark their departure, Mr Upendra Goswami, Deputy Director General responsible for Technical Assistance, pointed out that study tours of this kind were far from being "pleasure trips".

"We have had some experience of this sort of thing" he said "and have definitely found that a study tour of this nature can be productive of a great deal of benefit. People learn not only from what they hear but from what they see. Education from the medium of seeing can be more effective than just reading about what goes on in different parts of the world".

At the end of the tour the party, which is accompanied by two members of the Agency's staff, will return to Vienna for "debriefing" and to assess what they have learned.

Members of the study tour group which is visiting USSR, Sweden, Denmark and Czechoslovakia to investigate practical work in use of radioisotopes for medical work. With them are members of the Agency staff, including Upendra Goswami, Deputy Director General for Technical Assistance (fourth from right) and André Finkelstein, Deputy Director General for Research and Isotopes (eighth from right).

