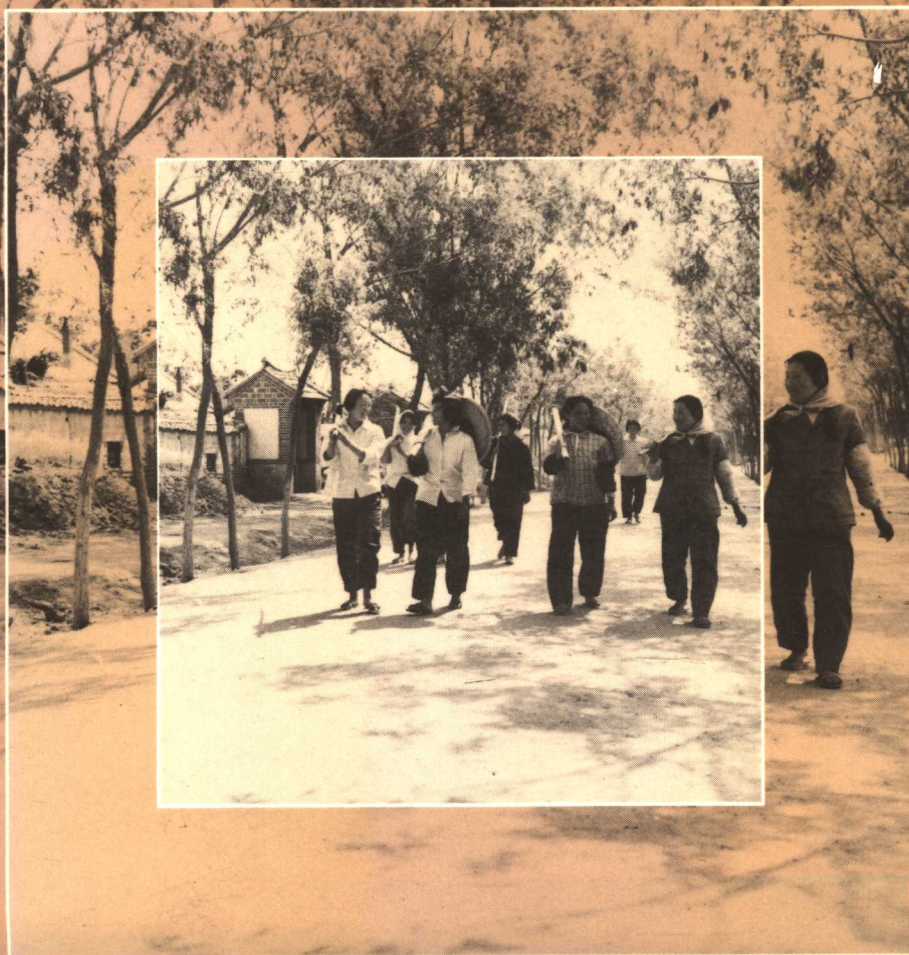


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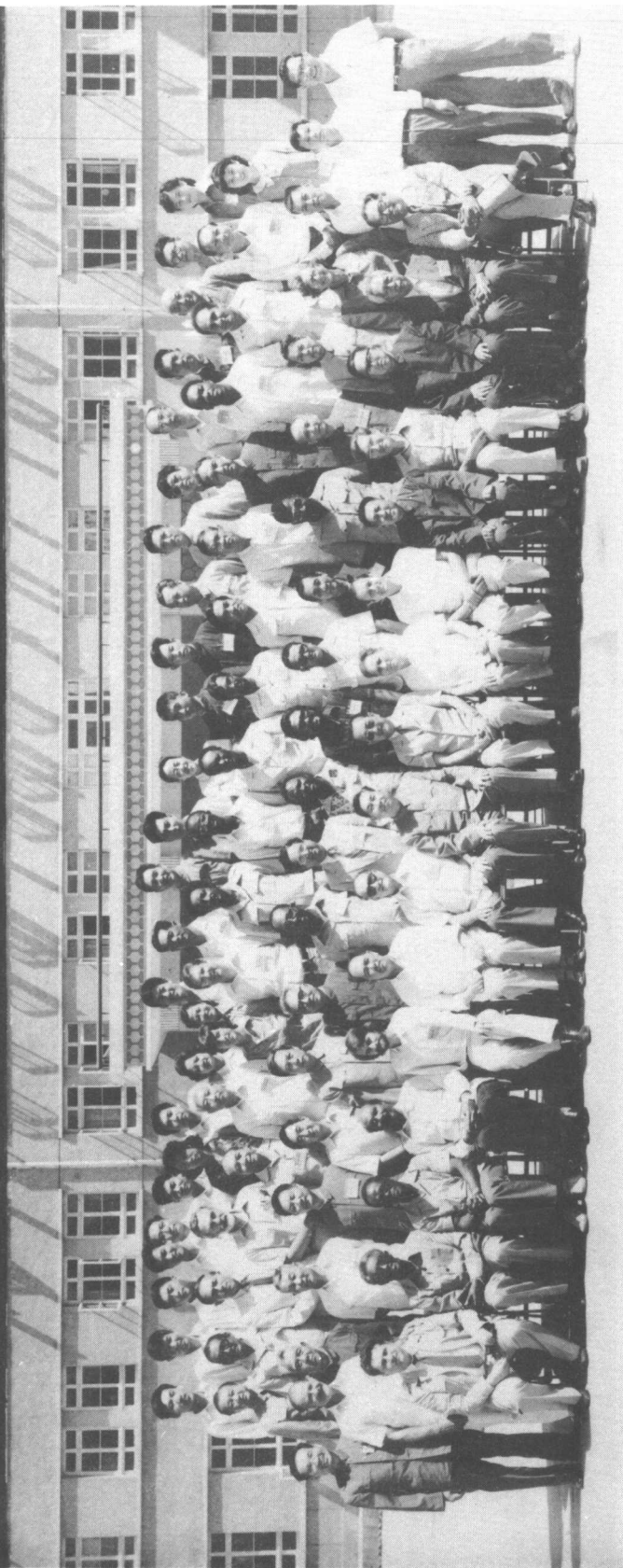


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Group photo of participants

ENSURING "HEALTH FOR ALL" IN CHINA



A primary health care team meets to plan activities



Health survey in a rural area



"Prevention First" is a basic principle of China's rural health services



Taking samples of drinking-water for analysis



Family planning: a young couple is instructed by a barefoot doctor in the use of contraceptive pills



Dispensing medicinal herbs. These herbs play an important part in China's traditional pharmacology



Mobilizing the community for a Patriotic Health Campaign



The Campaign gets under way as the streets are swept and cleaned by the people



Laboratory workers being trained at a county hospital



Instructing barefoot doctors in a hospital ward



Encouraging hygienic habits in children



Feeling the pulse—a traditional method of diagnosis



Involvement of the people in health management. *Above:* One of the "leading groups" or subcommittees dealing with cooperative medical care at the brigade level. *Below:* People's representatives at the county level discuss the launching of a Patriotic Health Campaign



The people pay their contributions towards cooperative medical care



Funds are submitted by brigade accountants to the group dealing with cooperative medical care at the commune level

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Objectives and Design of the Seminar

An Inter-regional Seminar on Primary Health Care took place in China, from 13 to 26 June 1982. Jointly organized and financed by UNDP, UNICEF, the World Bank, and WHO, with the support of the Ministry of Public Health of the People's Republic, it was held at the WHO Collaborating Centre for Primary Health Care in Yexian County, Shandong Province.

Objectives

The objectives of the seminar were:

(a) to explore some aspects of experience in primary health care in China, with particular attention to:

- the three-level network of the health care system
- the people's involvement in, and management of, health care
- health manpower development
- financing of health care;

(b) to draw conclusions applicable to the development of primary health care in other countries.

Design of the Seminar

The seminar was attended by top-level national decision-makers, i.e., ministers, presidential advisers, and senior health administrators from 15 countries. The 27 participants are listed at the beginning of this report: it is they who should be regarded as the co-authors of this report.

The seminar was divided into two distinct phases, each lasting one week (for schedule, see Fig. 1). During the *first phase*, in which only the senior health administrators took part, the participants were divided into four teams, each dealing with one of the four issues chosen for examination by the seminar. Extensive field work was carried out in selected services and locations at the county, commune, and production brigade levels.