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## RECEPTION FOR BENGT NIRJE

All professional persons in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties working with the mentally retarded are invited to an informal reception in honor of Mr. Bengt Nirje, Secretary General ("Ombudsman") of the Swedish Association for Retarded Children ("Riksforbundet For Utvecklingsstorda Barn"), to be held from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, at The Sheltering Arms, 4330 W. River Road in Minneapolis.

Mr. Nirje holds a position comparable to that held by Mr. Luther Stringham, Executive Director of the National Association for Retarded Children in New York. Mr. Nirje has participated in many European conferences on mental retardation, and was invited to the United States specifically to tell about Swedish services for the retarded. These services are considered to be excellent.

During the program Mr. Nirje will speak approximately 15 minutes in an informal presentation, and there will be time available for questions that you might like to ask.

Please circulate this flier to everyone in your agency who would be interested in attending this reception.

This reception is being co-sponsored by the St. Paul and Minneapolis Associations for Retarded Children, in cooperation with The Sheltering Arms.

### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BENGT NIRJE

- 42 years old (born in 1924)
- Uppsala University, B.A.  
(Spec; literature)
- Yale University Grad. School  
1952-53 (Smith-Mundt Bill -  
Scholarship, Literary Criti-  
cism S. American Literature)
- Sorbonne, Paris 1953-54
- Volunteer work as welfare  
officer with Swedish Red Cross
- UNHCR (United Nations High Commis-  
sioner for Refugees), 1957,  
Hungarian Department  
Director for the Folke Bernadotte-  
Drive for Cerebral Palsys  
1958-59
- Secretary of the F.B. Foundation
- Since 1961 "ombudsman" (Secretary  
General/Executive Director) of  
Riksforbundet FUB ("SARC").

### JOINT MEETING METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATIONS FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

The St. Paul and Minneapolis Associations for Retarded Children are co-sponsoring a joint meeting for all associations in the metropolitan region to be held at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, March 15, in Room 304 (Student Lounge), Murray Hall, at the College of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul.

The principal speaker will be Mr. Bengt Nirje. Mr. Nirje will have been in Minnesota from March 1, and in his speech will compare the facilities that he has visited in Minnesota with those in operation in his country.

Members of all Associations for Retarded Children, their friends, and all personnel working in programs for the mentally retarded are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

We hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a most interesting meeting.