

## SUMMARIES

### V. CESAREO, *Citizenship and welfare state*

This article discusses the problem of welfare state, by assuming that the history of Western society is a process of gradual achievement of civil, political, and social rights.

A basic ambivalence marks the achievement of social rights in welfare state: on the one hand, the state pursues the aim of social equality of the citizens, on the other hand, it causes a social levelling that deprives citizenship of its very meaning. Today's crisis of welfare state shows the following facets:

a) the fiscal crisis of the state, which coincides with its increased intervention in economic affairs;

b) the crisis of legitimation, which means bartering the citizens consent with the performance of some social services;

c) the increase of administrative dependency and passivity of the citizen, who expects to obtain everything from the state.

What can be seen in Italy is at the same time a slow-down in the growth of welfare state and an acceleration of some pathological phenomena connected with it.

### G. ROSSI, *The role of social worker and the system of social services*

This article analyses the role crisis of the social worker by discussing the results of a research made in the area of Milan. Such crisis is connected with the function of legitimation that social workers have usually fulfilled during the evolution of the welfare state.

The change which took place by the transformation of social assistance to the needs into a system of social security available to everybody, has brought the profession of social worker to a serious crisis.

### G. MILANESI, *Religion and family in the recent sociological literature*

This article analyses the most important sociological studies concerning the relationships between religion and family which appeared in the Seventies in the USA, in France, and in Italy. The numerous essays considered are put together and discussed under the following headings: a) religion, family and marriage: new directions; b) premarital sex and engagement; c) fecundity, abortion; d) sex roles, family roles and power; e) extramarital sexual permissiveness, divorce; f) family life cycle and religion. Notwithstanding the absence of really new results and discoveries in recent literature, it is stressed by the author that a new positive trend consists in the elaboration of some operational concepts.

### D. LIA, *The use of drug in Amsterdam: some sociological remarks*

The first part of this article analyses the increased use of drug in the city of Amsterdam. In the second part of the article the author presents a research made on a small group of drug-addicts.

After a short methodological introduction, the study proceeds to describe, in chronological order, the events involved in drug use. Specific attention is given to the main socio-economic factors influencing the evolution of drug use, from the first years of the century until recent years, when a phenomenology of hard drug use has emerged in the city context.

