

tive to it with ambassadorial rank. A permanent secretariat is established in Baghdad.

Future of the Pact

Mr. Harold Macmillan commented on the future of the Baghdad Pact in a statement delivered last December 12 in the United Kingdom House of Commons. The Pact, he said, was not intended to act as a divisive influence in the Arab world, and in the long run can be hoped to unite it, when "countries who now seem doubtful, or even antipathetic, may be willing to associate themselves with us and our friends." The alliance, he continued, refutes the Soviet Union's propaganda-assertion that there was an inherent divergence of interest and motive between Western and Asian peoples; for it constituted "an equal and loyal partnership between Great Britain, with the United States as her associate, and four great Eastern powers—Pakistan, Iran, Turkey and Iraq."

Sir Anthony Eden took up the same point. It was unique of the Baghdad Pact, he declared, that it has brought a western nation to the conference table with several eastern nations, trying to work out not only military problems, but "much more important still in this context," economic problems which might alter the whole future of the area. Perhaps it is this final point which suggests the highest hope that may be entertained for the Pact's future—that through its economic provisions, extended in due course to other countries as well as its present members, it may contribute to and enhance the well-being of the whole Middle Eastern region.



CANADIAN RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR LEBANESE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Officials of the Lebanese Government, the Lebanese Red Cross, and the Canadian Legation were on hand at Beirut airport recently for the arrival of an RCAF transport plane carrying relief supplies for earthquake victims. The shipment, which was part of the \$25,000 contribution made by the Government of Canada through the Canadian Red Cross Society for earthquake relief in Lebanon, also included some of the \$10,000 worth of medical supplies provided by the Canadian Junior Red Cross. Above, the supplies are unloaded from the aircraft.