

effective use Canada's contribution to these programmes.

### SUPPORT FROM ALL POLITICAL PARTIES

Leading members of all parties in the House of Commons have pledged their support to the Colombo Plan. In a radio address delivered over the CBC on January 9, 1951, Mr. Diefenbaker suggested that:

"Canada should make a contribution in proportion to her resources and capacity and \$50,000,000 a year would be well spent. It would be cheap insurance for Canada, for the opinion of Asiatic representatives was that this plan, if it be launched in time, would do much to halt communism in Asia."

On February 1, 1951, the Leader of the C.C.F., Mr. Coldwell, stated that he thought the Colombo Plan was

"the most imaginative plan ever adopted by the Commonwealth countries ... I am glad that the Government is going to place before us proposals in conformity with the Colombo Plan. I hope that the proposals, if they are sufficiently effective, will be supported by all people throughout the country."

On February 2, 1951, the Secretary of State for External Affairs stated:

"We must also do what we can to improve the economic conditions and human welfare in Free Asia. We must try to work with, rather than against, the forces struggling for a better life in that part of the world. Such co-operation may in the long run become as important for the defence of freedom - therefore for the defence of Canada - as sending an army to Europe in the present immediate emergency. Many members in the House will have read the Colombo Plan for Co-operative Economic Development in South and South-East Asia. This imaginative and I think well-founded report ... points the way to the kind of effective assistance which we in the west can offer to the free peoples of Asia. They stand in very great need of capital for economic development and of technical assistance."

Again on February 21, 1951, Mr. Pearson outlined to the House of Commons the Government's programme for implementing its share of the Colombo Plan. He said then that:

"We have been conscious that Canadians, as individuals - and this has been clearly reflected in the press from one end of the country to another - wish to contribute to the success of this Plan ...".

### LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE

In line with Canadian policy of stressing, through our representatives to the United Nations and the Economic and Social Council and to the Council for Technical Co-operation in Colombo, the need for co-ordination, at all levels, of the various technical assistance programmes in the under-developed areas of the world, the Canadian delegation to the recent Thirteenth Session of the Economic and Social Council, in Geneva, warmly supported the proposals discussed