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#### COLOMBO PLAN MEETING

Delegates to the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee meeting held in Ottawa October 4-8, 1954, are grouped on the steps before the main entrance to the Parliament Buildings. Front row, left to right: Mr. Dato Nik Ahmed Kamil, Federation of Malaya; Hon. C. C. Tan, Singapore; Prince Wan Waithayakan, Thailand; His Excellency, Tran Van Chuong, Viet Nam; Hon. C. D. Deshmukh, India; Rt. Hon. R. G. Casey, Australia; Hon. Samuel C. Waugh, United States; Hon. James Sinclair, Canada; Hon. Walter B. Harris, Canada; Marquess of Reading, United Kingdom; Hon. Chaudri Mohammed Ali, Pakistan; His Excellency T. C. A. Hislop, New Zealand; His Excellency Dr. Sunario, Indonesia; Hon. M. D. H. Jayawardene, Ceylon; His Excellency Dr. Koto Matsudaira, Japan; Major-General Maahabir S. J. B. Rane, Nepal; Mr. Phlek Phoeun, Cambodia.

though external aid can do much to smooth and to accelerate progress toward a higher standard of living. The report concludes: "But they (the countries of the Colombo Plan area) have come through the initial difficulties, and not as isolated entities but as members of a great and growing partnership animated by a common purpose and increasingly conscious of each other's problems and aspirations."

When the conference was over many of the delegates proceeded homeward, or to other destinations, but about half of them participated in a post-conference tour to Montreal, Kingston, Toronto and Niagara Falls. Travelling by bus, car and special train, they visited universities, industrial plants and hydro-electric installations. In each city they were cordially received and entertained by civic, provincial or university authorities. The tour was arranged to allow free time in the evenings, when the delegates were able to attend the theatre or accept invitations to private homes. The final evening, on which most of the delegates dropped into a top-floor suite at the General Brock Hotel