

NEW FRONTIER, CANADIAN STYLE

Plans for the development of a programme to send young Canadian graduates to serve in Asia and Africa in junior positions in countries that request such personnel were announced in Ottawa recently by Mr. Lewis Perinbam, Acting Executive Secretary of the Canadian University Service Overseas. The CUSO is a new agency, which came into existence on June 6, 1961, under the auspices of the Canadian universities and a number of national organizations. Its honorary officers are Dr. C.T. Bissell, President of the University of Toronto, and the Very Reverend Father G.H. Levesque, o.p., Vice-Chairman of the Canada Council; the Chairman of the Executive Committee is the Right Reverend H.J. Somers, President, St. Francis Xavier University.

At the request of the new organization, the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO has agreed to act as its executive agency and to make available the services of the Commission's Associate Secretary, Mr. Lewis Perinbam, as Acting Executive Secretary of the CUSO until permanent arrangements are made for its administration. Financial support for the CUSO is assured in part from the Canadian universities and from its member organizations. Additional funds for its operation and programme will be sought from business and industry, foundations, governments, private donors and other sources.

PROPER ALTITUDES ESSENTIAL

Mr. Lewis Perinbam, Acting Executive Secretary of the CUSO, has just returned from an extensive tour of Southeast Asian countries, in the course of which he visited Pakistan, India, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaya, Singapore, Indonesia, Sarawak, Brunei and North Borneo. He reported that in most of these countries there is a great eagerness to receive Canadian graduates, provided that they possess good qualifications, experience, and a willingness to work as equal with local people. Asian countries do not wish charity, patronage or pity, nor do they wish Canadians to think they are coming "to civilize" them. Many Asian countries feel that the Western image of Asia is based largely on the last 400 years of colonialism, about which most Asians are sensitive, and ignores the previous 4000 years of Asia's historic and creative past, about which they are proud. However, these countries would gladly welcome the partnership of young

WHEAT FOR BURMA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, announced recently that agreement had been reached to provide \$350,000-worth of Canadian wheat to Burma under Canada's Colombo Plan Programme for 1961-62. The Government of Burma has agreed to set aside counterpart funds in local currency equivalent to the value of this grant. These counterpart funds will be used for economic development projects in Burma to be agreed on with the Government of Canada. This grant of wheat raises to \$1,600,000 the amount of wheat which Canada has made available to Burma under the Colombo Plan.

Canadians who are willing to work with them in a spirit of humility, goodwill and mutual respect, and who have the capacity to learn about the country to which they are assigned.

Opportunities exist in most of the countries that Mr. Perinbam visited for teachers, engineers and doctors. Graduates with qualifications in these fields are in great demand; in Sarawak, Brunei and North Borneo, there is a desperate scarcity of secondary and primary school teachers and, as a result, college graduates with or without teaching qualifications will be accepted for service; in Indonesia junior engineers are in great demand and 25 to 50 can be placed in interesting but demanding positions; in Pakistan, graduates in a variety of fields including social work will be required; in India, there will be opportunities for graduates to teach various subjects, including English, in government institutes and polytechnics; in Malaya and Singapore, doctors are in great demand; and in Cambodia there is a need for graduates speaking English and French to assist in adult education and community development programmes.

CUSO PROGRAMME

The CUSO plans to try to place 100 Canadian graduates overseas during the next year. Funds required for transportation costs and living allowances at local scales will be raised in Canada. The CUSO also hopes that some government support may be forthcoming for its programme, as most of its personnel will be requested by overseas governments, notably those with whom Canada is associated in the Commonwealth and the Colombo Plan. Full support for this programme is assured from the Canadian universities and national university organizations, including the National Federation of Canadian University Students and the World University Service of Canada.

Mr. Perinbam said that Canadians could do much to help the peoples of Asia and Africa in their struggle for a more just and equitable society. At the same time, young Canadians serving overseas could be able to add "a new dimension" to their education, to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the world in which they lived, and to bring credit to Canada.

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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER INSTALLED

The newly-appointed High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, Viscount Amory, made his first call on Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker on October 5. The High Commissioner was introduced by the Canadian Chief of Protocol, Mr. Henry F. Davis.

Born Derick Heathcoat Amory, he was educated at Eton, Christ Church and Oxford. Mr. Amory was a member of Parliament from 1945-1960. During this period, he served in various capacities including those of Minister of Pensions, Minister of State at the Board of Trade, and Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. Latterly he was Chancellor of the Exchequer and on relinquishing that office was elevated to the peerage.