

COLOMBO PLAN DELEGATION

A Canadian delegation attended the twenty-first annual meeting of the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee in Manila from February 16 to 25. This meeting had been scheduled to take place last November but was postponed because of a typhoon that caused heavy damage in the Philippines.

Mr. André Ouellet, Parliamentary Secretary to Mr. Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, represented Canada at the ministerial sessions, while Mr. George P. Kidd, Vice-President of the Canadian International Development Agency led the Canadian delegation at the official session that preceded the ministerial conclave.

Other Canadian delegates included Mr. Gordon C. Cox, Canadian Ambassador to Thailand, Mr. Fergus J. Chambers, Director of CIDA's Planning Division; Mr. F.B. Clark, Canadian Consul General and Senior Trade Commissioner to the Philippines; Mr. W.A. Monaghan of CIDA's Asian Division, Mr. C.R. Mann, Canadian Vice-Consul and Assistant Trade Commissioner in the Philippines and Mr. P.T. Burwell of CIDA's Planning Division.

Since 1951 Canada has contributed over \$1.2 billion in development assistance to the Colombo Plan countries which continue to receive a significant percentage of total Canadian development funds. In the fiscal year 1970-71, Canada allocated \$131,970,000 to the Colombo Plan region.

NEWFOUNDLAND FILM WINS PRIZE

A tourist film on big-game hunting in Newfoundland has been awarded a runner-up "Citation of Merit" by the judges of the 1970 National Outdoor Travel Film Festival, sponsored by the Michigan Outdoor Writers Association.

The certificate, received by Mr. E.P. Henley, Director of Tourist Development, Nfld, classifies the film, *Moose and Caribou in Newfoundland*, as "outstanding and worth watching by any audience - superior to most outdoor travel movies". The film is the fourth entry from the province to have gained honours in the MOWA annual film festival. Two others, *The Atlantic Salmon in Newfoundland* and *With Camera and Gun in Newfoundland*, earned the festival's Certificate of Outstanding merit in the 1966 competition. A third, entitled *Tuna Angling - The Art and Science of Big Game Hunting*, was awarded first prize in the "How to do it" category in the 1968 film festival.

The most recent production to win honours for Newfoundland's library of travel production films is in 16 mm colour with sound, and runs 13½ minutes. It records the skill and accuracy of two hunters as they take a moose and a woodland caribou during a hunting vacation in the wilderness of Newfoundland.

It was produced for the Newfoundland and Labrador Tourist Development Office by Lee Wulff Productions and was released early last year.

AVIATION GRANT TO GUYANA

Civil-aviation equipment worth \$1 million is to be provided to Guyana under the terms of a memorandum of understanding signed on January 27 in Georgetown. The equipment, supplied by the Canadian International Development Agency, is for Guyana's Directorate of Civil Aviation.

The agreement forms part of a \$5-million grant and loan program undertaken by CIDA to help Guyana improve its international aviation services and to extend its domestic services into the interior of the country, where most of its natural resources are located.

Grant funds provided under the latest agreement will be used to supply and install communications equipment and aids to navigation, such as compass locators and non-directional beacons. Communications equipment will consist of an extended-range VHF radio, which will be located at MacKenzie with a remote-control link to Timehri International Airport, and a radio-communications link between Timehri and Surinam. Non-directional beacons are to be erected at 14 sites in the interior to permit point-to-point air navigation throughout Guyana. Meteorological equipment is also included, together with airport-maintenance equipment and two vehicles for airport inspection and the carrying of personnel.

Earlier agreements in the program have included the supply of two *Caribou* and two *Twin Otter* aircraft, communications equipment, scholarships and advisers.

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Miscellaneous Feedback

- 1 Employment practices - discrimination against older job seekers in general
- 1 Public service - difficult to phone federal departments at lunchtime
- 1 Retirement practices - against forced retirement at 65
- 1 Regional bus service - general complaint
- 1 Liquor laws - lower drinking age
- 2 Commercial telephone system - general complaints
- 1 Mental health - complaint on treatment of a mental patient
- 1 Day care facilities in Ottawa - inadequate
- 1 Commercial radio - music too repetitive