

me, coupled with all the information we have been able to obtain from other sources, indicates that the substantial funds required to bring Vietnamese children to Canada could be put to far better purpose in expanding the facilities and the quality of medical treatment in Vietnam. In addition, it has been pointed out that the environmental change and the shock of readjustment after treatment in Canada would likely complicate the physical ailments suffered by these children.

There has also been considerable discussion concerning the possibility of establishing a child-rehabilitation centre in Saigon along the lines envisaged in the report prepared for the Canadian Government by Dr. Gustav Gingras. While we have been prepared - indeed we are anxious - to provide assistance of this nature, the South Vietnamese authorities have indicated that establishment of such a centre in Saigon would, in their view, have a relatively low priority, in as much as it would tend to duplicate existing facilities. Our own assessment confirms this view.

It is probable that a child-rehabilitation centre would be more useful if it were located elsewhere than Saigon, in one of the areas of the country that have suffered more as a result of military operations. We are now studying this possibility.

HOSPITAL IN TUNIS

Vietnam is not the only country receiving medical aid from Canada. We are providing help for both the sick of mind and of body all across the world. There is, for instance, a medical team of 50 specialists and assistants administering and training staff for a new 270-bed sick children's hospital in Tunis, which is aimed at reducing the high mortality rate of children there. Even further from home, we have supplied cobalt-therapy units to hospitals in Burma, Pakistan, India, and just recently we agreed to send one for a radiotherapy centre in Singapore....

COMMITTEE STUDY EXPO'S ASSETS

Mr. Robert Winters, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, who is responsible for Canadian Government participation in Expo '67, recently outlined the position of the Government regarding disposal of the Exhibition's assets.

He noted that the statute under which it operated provided that Expo '67 "shall wind up its affairs and dispose of its assets within such time after the closing of the Exhibition and in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Governor in Council, with the concurrence of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may prescribe".

"The closing date of the Exhibition is set for October 27," Mr. Winters said, "although this may be extended for two more days - and the governments concerned are currently giving consideration to establishing the time within which the affairs of the Corporation will be wound up." Expo officials hope to realize about \$74 million through the salvage and recovery of these assets, he said. "This is a very

large figure and, to attain it, systematic, diligent and carefully planned work will have to be done."

Mr. Winters said that a Committee had been set up some weeks earlier, comprising representatives from the federal, provincial and civic governments. "The instructions given to the federal members of the committee," he said, "are to realize the maximum return from the disposal of assets, and it will be our policy to see, in this regard, that the best interests of the taxpayers and the citizens of all of Canada will be served to the best advantage in this important phase of Expo's relatively short but brilliant operational life."

Mr. Winters noted that Expo had far surpassed all expectations. "For planning purposes, it was estimated that as of Sunday night, May 28, there would have been just over 4,300,000 visitors to Expo - whereas the actual number was more than 8 million - and I am pleased to say that the total revenues collected by Expo to date amount to more than \$56,200,000," he announced.

TEST MANPOWER SURVEY IN NWT

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, in co-operation with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, will undertake a trial manpower survey throughout the Northwest Territories this June. Its purpose is to test methods of collecting information on the labour force that, it is hoped, will help the Department in job placement, the development of education programmes and the promotion of industrial growth.

Some 5,000 persons at five centres south of Great Slave Lake (Hay River, Fort Providence, Fort Resolution, Pine Point, and Rocher River), and at Coppermine, on the Arctic coast, will be questioned regarding their education, their employment records and related subjects.

If the survey proves successful, other regions of the Northwest Territories will be surveyed in the following years, enabling the Department to build up a complete manpower inventory of the North.

Although work on the survey has been under way for many months, actual enumeration started on June 12. Interviewing is being done by people from the communities concerned specially trained as enumerators and employed by the Department for the purpose.

NFB FILM ACADEMY NOMINEE

Helicopter Canada, the first wide-screen full-length film ever shot entirely from a helicopter, won an Academy Award nomination from Hollywood recently. The film, produced by Canada's National Film Board in conjunction with the Centennial Commission, involved 542 hours and 15,000 miles of flying, and the shooting of 131,000 feet of film, over a period of 18 months.