

### Aid Programmes - Africa

The establishment of a trades training centre in Accra has been a noteworthy development in Ghana, along with the launching of an irrigation and land development project in the northern regions and the provision of food aid to that country for the first time. In Nigeria, a \$3.5-million project involving the aerial photography, ground control and mapping of the Western Region is nearing completion. A trades training centre will be established in Nigeria also, and Canadians are providing training and technical advice in the operation of the Niger dam. Canadian firms are engaged in the aerial photography and mapping of Tanzania's southeast region and a development loan is being extended for transmission lines. In Kenya we are assisting in the development of a wheat-breeding programme. We have undertaken, in co-operation with Britain, a study to determine the line of route and economic feasibility of a proposed railway from Zambia to Dar-es-Salaam.

Canadian technical assistance for all regions of Africa has, of course, been concentrated on areas of particular need in the economy, in the sciences, education and in medicine. Individual Canadians or teams find themselves undertaking tasks of all types throughout the continent. I have noted a report about a Canadian adviser in Malawi who has succeeded in doubling the output of one of that country's largest sawmills in less than six months. I recall that we were instrumental in securing the services of a Canadian who is now economic adviser to the President of Zambia.

I am glad to say that the programme for French-speaking African nations continues to enjoy a rapid rate of expansion. In 1961-62, for example, when the programme commenced, seven teachers were recruited. In 1965-66, 166 teachers were under contract. The largest group of Canadian professors serving in French-speaking Africa is that composed of 36 men assigned to the University of Rwanda.

An eight-year paediatric training project will commence shortly in Tunis. Paper has been provided for textbooks in the Congo and work is about to commence on a pilot project livestock-feed plant in Cameroun. This project could lead to the establishment of a series of plants and clinics.

The University of Ottawa is undertaking in Canada an educational project of considerable interest. It is setting up courses for the training of middle level management personnel. The Institut des Hautes Etudes d'Outre-Mer in Paris, which has a long established reputation in the educational field, will give full credit to graduates of the University of Ottawa course who wish to continue at the Institute.

Our contribution to programmes carried out by international agencies has been an expanding one also.

### International Programmes

Last January, Canada pledged \$30 million (Canadian) to the World Food Programme for the next three years. This was the second highest pledge. Last year we stood fifth among contributors to United Nations technical assistance