

ble for their own development, and thus, under the pretext of helping them, preventing them from accepting responsibility for their own future.

The third aspect to underscore is the role of the NGOs and the growing number of major projects. Africa needs major projects, but until now, such projects have been appended to African reality but have nothing to relate them to the human and social reality of Africa.

Unless every major project is surrounded by a chain of men, women and organizations through which African society will be integrated, it will not achieve its full potential. It should not be the government's project, or the project of a firm from the outside, but rather a community project, a village project, the clan's, the tribe's, the family's."

A Strong Conclusion

Forum Africa concluded with Canadian Emergency Coordinator saying:

"There were three things that stood out loud and clear. First of all we must have a commitment, not just a commitment from the Canadian government or CIDA, I mean a commitment that involves all of us.

Secondly, there will have to be a plan. It will not be good enough to have the appearance of being all things to all people. Some tough decisions will have to be taken. And thirdly, the most important thing is that both the commitment and the plan must indicate to Canadians in the clearest possible fashion how they can play a role.

Never before in Canadian history has there been a time when such depth of involvement has extended into every nook and cranny of this country and it is incumbent upon all of us to take it seriously. And I mean every person and every institution.

We are trying to bridge through to a new partnership, a new kind of world commu-