

\$35 million a year, the bulk of which is being allocated to basic economic development projects which the countries concerned in South and South-East Asia are undertaking to provide themselves with a broader and more secure economic foundation. Canadians are proud to be associated with this great international co-operative effort.

In South-East Asia, I mention also the International Supervisory Commissions in Indochina, of which Canada has been a member since their establishment three years ago. The work of these commissions has been important to the development of democratic institutions. It has been an arduous task, but its reward for us has been a deeper understanding of the problems of the people of Asia and admiration for their courage and endurance in adversity.

Commonwealth

In Commonwealth affairs, I had the great pleasure during my first visit to the General Assembly of the United Nations this year to endorse the admission of Malaya and to welcome that country as the United Nations' latest member. The Canadian Government has now appointed a High Commissioner to Malaya, who will take up his post very shortly. We have had the pleasure also, of sending a High Commissioner to Ghana establishing diplomatic relations with the government of another new sister nation in the Commonwealth. To me, one of the most brilliant pages of British history is this bringing of colonies to nationhood, this growing association of countries with various climes, of various religions and cultures, held together not as a bloc but as a group, bound by no treaty but rather by their adherence to common ideals of the dignity of the individual, of justice and fairness.

Latin America

Of similar benefit to Canada are the excellent relations which we enjoy with our neighbours in this hemisphere. The development of a century-old trade, the increased exchanges of personnel, be they visitors or businessmen, between Canada and the Latin American republics, the growing number of students and tourists coming to Canada from these nations, all these factors point to a growing and mutually profitable expansion in our relations with them. I know that the cordiality that marks our exchanges with the Latin American nations will be enhanced and increased.

United States

Our relations with the United States have long been influenced by a kindly providence that willed the geographical location of our two countries. With the United States we share a continent and a common heritage from many lands beyond the seas.