

Developments of special interest in other Commonwealth countries included the adoption by the Pakistan Constituent Assembly of basic principles for a new constitution which would make Pakistan a republic; the retirement of the Prime Minister of South Africa, Dr. Malan, who was succeeded by Mr. J. G. Strydom; the return of the Australian and New Zealand Governments in general elections; the agreement between India and France for the transfer of French possessions in India; and the appointment in Ceylon of the first Ceylonese Governor General, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke.

During the past year the Canadian Government made available \$250,000 worth of dried skim-milk and drugs for flood relief in India, Pakistan, and Nepal (which, though not a Commonwealth country, is within the same geographical area).