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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced that, subject to Parliamentary approval, Canada will contribute \$500,000 in 1964 to the United Nations Civilian Fund for the Congo. This is the second such voluntary contribution made by Canada to the Fund since it was established in September 1960 to provide economic assistance to the Congolese Government and to ensure the maintenance of public services. At that time Canada contributed an initial \$1,000,000.

The announcement of the contribution for 1964 was made on the occasion of the visit to Ottawa of U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations. The grant is in keeping with the Government's expanded programme of assistance to French-speaking African states.

Much of the Canadian contribution will be used to pay the salaries of Canadian civilian personnel who are providing expert services and assistance to the Congolese Government under United Nations auspices.

There are now more than forty Canadian teachers and experts serving with the United Nations in the Congo.