

the amount of money made available for the projects by the UNICEF and it establishes the basis for the continuation of the projects after the UNICEF aid is terminated.

The Fund is financed through voluntary contributions from governments and private associations. During 1961, the Fund approved commitments of \$37 million to various projects, an increase of \$6.4 million over 1960. In 1961 its total income from all sources amounted to nearly \$28 million, compared with \$25.8 million in 1960. Canada has contributed about \$13.3 million to the UNICEF during the period 1946-62, making Canada the second largest contributor. In addition, during the same period, Canada has donated over 62.8 million pounds of whole and skim-milk powder. In 1962, the Canadian Government plans to increase its contribution from \$650,000 to \$800,000.

EPTA

Soon after its establishment, the United Nations embarked on a programme of technical assistance to raise the very low levels among those countries having static or barely expanding economies and whose people, therefore, lived close to bare subsistence levels. It was evident that extensive co-ordinated efforts would have to be made to mobilize and bring to bear the technical skills of the advanced countries on the areas of great need. Consequently, the General Assembly established in 1949 the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (EPTA). This programme involves the training in advanced countries of students from the under-developed countries and the sending of experts and advisers to backward areas, exchange of technical information, organized examination of economic development programmes and equipment supplies for the use of experts and trainees. About three-quarters of United Nations technical assistance expenditures go normally for the provision of experts to under-developed countries.

The EPTA supplements the regular programmes of technical assistance for the United Nations and certain Specialized Agencies and constitutes the greater part of the total United Nations technical assistance effort. The programme is financed by voluntary extra-budgetary contributions from member countries and is carried out by the Specialized Agencies and the Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations (TAO), under the co-ordination of the Technical Assistance Board (TAB) and the Technical Assistance Committee (TAC).

Contributions pledged to the Expanded Programme were \$29.6 million in 1959, \$34.1 million in 1960, \$44.5 million for 1961 and \$42.9 million in 1962 (as of February 28, 1962). Canada contributed \$2 million (U.S.) in both 1959 and 1960 and \$2.15 million (U.S.) in 1961. From 1950 to 1962, Canada has contributed over \$17 million to the EPTA and for 1962 has pledged a contribution of \$2.15 million (U.S.). In total contributions pledged, Canada ranks as the third largest contributor to the EPTA.

United Nations Special Fund

A decision of the twelfth session of the General Assembly in 1957 resulted in the