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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the first technicians coming to Canada under the Technical Co-operation Programme of the Colombo Plan for Economic Development in South and South-East Asia had left Karachi on Friday, July 13, by air, and were due in Ottawa at 11 a.m. on Monday.

The three technicians arriving Monday are the members from Pakistan of an agricultural mission nominated by the governments of Pakistan and India. They are Dr. K.A. Rehman, Director of Agriculture, Punjab; Mr. A.M. Sial, of the Ministry of Agriculture and Education of the State of Khaipur; and Dr. S. Hidayatullah, Director of Agriculture, East Bengal. They will familiarize themselves with Canadian agricultural facilities and farming methods. They will study the training obtainable in this country, the availability of technicians to assist in training agricultural students in Pakistan, and the farming equipment designed and manufactured in Canada.

The Indian members of this agricultural mission are expected to arrive in Ottawa about the end of this month. They are Mr. M. Kanti Raj, Deputy Director of Agriculture for Madras, and Dr. J.K. Dubey, Director of Agriculture for Bhopal.

Two other missions, one concerned with road construction and bridge erection, the other with hydro-electric development, will arrive in Canada later in the summer. They will include specialists and senior government officials from India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

Also due here about the end of July are the first seven nominees to take advantage of the Canadian Government's offer of instruction in Canada under the scholarship and fellowship programme for students and government officials from South and South-East Asia. They constitute the advance party of some sixty scholars and fellows coming to Canada during the next two months to study such subjects as railway operation, various branches of medical science, the national insurance programme, farm and soil mechanics, marketing methods, geology, factory management, hydro-electric development, land settlement and town planning. Instruction will be received in government departments, universities and industry.
