

32. *The Cabinet* noted the recommendation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs concerning educational assistance for French-speaking African states, and agreed to consider it again at another meeting of the Cabinet.

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*Extrait des conclusions du Cabinet*

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[Ottawa], April 10, 1961

*Present*

The Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) in the Chair,  
 The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Green),  
 The Minister of Finance (Mr. Fleming),  
 The Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Hees),  
 The Minister of Transport (Mr. Balcer),  
 The Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Churchill),  
 The Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Nowlan),  
 The Minister of National Defence (Mr. Harkness),  
 The Postmaster General (Mr. William Hamilton),  
 The Solicitor General (Mr. Browne),  
 The Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys (Mr. Comtois),  
 The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Monteith),  
 The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Alvin Hamilton),  
 The Minister of Defence Production (Mr. O'Hurley),  
 The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Walker),  
 The Associate Minister of National Defence (Mr. Sévigny),  
 The Minister of Forestry (Mr. Flemming),  
 The Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Halpenny).  
 The Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Bryce),  
 The Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Dr. Hodgson).

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EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICAN STATES  
 (Previous reference March 14)

20. *The Secretary of State for External Affairs* said that the French-speaking universities and other educational institutions in Canada could participate to only a very limited extent in the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship plan because the countries involved were English-speaking. He proposed that approval in principle be given for the establishment of an educational assistance programme for newly independent French-speaking African countries.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated, (Minister's memorandum, Feb. 10 – Cab. Doc. 110-61).

21. *Mr. Green* went on to say that the United States was proposing that each country giving aid should allocate about one per cent of its gross national income to this purpose. This would represent about \$300 million a year in the case of Canada, as compared with Canada's present programme of about \$60 million this year. The United States had been suggesting directly to West Germany that it should increase its contribution, and there had been indications that similar suggestions would soon be made to the government of Canada.