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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that Dr. Veni Shankar Jha, Director of the Commonwealth Education Liaison Unit in London, will arrive in Vancouver on April 21 on an official visit to Canada. He will remain until May 9 on which date he will proceed to the West Indies via the United States. Dr. Jha will visit Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal. In these centres he will meet representatives of provincial departments of education, of universities, of teacher-training colleges, and others concerned with educational matters.

Dr. Jha is a Vice-Chancellor of the Benares Hindu University and has been a member of the Central Advisory Board of Education in India. He has been associated with several educational reforms in his own country and was head of the Indian Delegation to the Second Regional Conference of Unesco National Commissions in Asian Countries, which was held in Manila in 1960.

The Commonwealth Education Liaison Unit was established as a result of the Commonwealth Education Conference held at Oxford in July, 1959. The Unit receives information from Commonwealth countries on programmes and other activities arising from the Oxford Conference. It reports periodically to all member countries and it performs duties for the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee which is composed of representatives of all member countries of the Commonwealth and one member for the colonial territories.