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(Column by John Best)

Best criticizes the government for slashing \$180 million from Canada's overseas development program next year and to push back by five years the date when aid is to reach 0.7 per cent of the GNP. He notes that a similar inability to meet our promises occurred in 1971 and says Canada does not compare favourably with other countries in terms of official development assistance-GNP ratios.

Prince George (B.C.) Citizen Dec. 20/84

(Column by John Walker)

David MacDonald and three MPs returned from Ethiopia with news that Canadian aid is having some effect. MacDonald said the Ethiopian government is impressed by Canadian aid and wants help in a massive resettlement plan. The plan is criticized and MP David Kilgour quoted: Canada should stick to food and development aid, and avoid getting involved in this highly suspect scheme.

London Free Press Sept. 14/84

(Column by John Best)

In his column Best says the general thrust in Canada is toward making foreign aid serve the interests of Canadian industry. He quotes Bernard Wood, director of the North-South Institute, who says Canada's foreign aid program is being transformed into a "slush fund" to subsidize Canadian exporters. Wood also says CIDA President Margaret Catley-Carlson is over-emphasizing the trade-promotion aspect of aid.