

system related to the broad base of the United Nations permits the respective priorities of areas to be continually re-examined.

Obviously a good deal of consultation between interested countries, particularly potential donors, will be required if we are to take positive steps to provide more aid to Africa. In addition to participating in the general discussions on this question in ECOSOC and in the United Nations we should perhaps be ready to engage in informal but frank discussions with other Western countries. Because of the implications of the Afro-Asian Conference at Bandung and because of our desire to maintain a high degree of co-operation with the Asian countries we might also wish to discuss this question at an early stage with some of the more important Asian Colombo Plan countries. India is known as an active mischief-maker in Africa, but it may be a reasonable risk to assume that if she were associated with these discussions she might be less mischievous and more co-operative than if she were excluded.

CONCLUSIONS

Gold Coast

Consideration should be given to the establishment, not later than the fiscal year 1957-8, of a Canadian mission accredited to the Gold Coast, a dual accreditation to Nigeria possibly being arranged later. In reaching a final decision, the position occupied by Africa in any system of priorities involving our limited resources in personnel and money, and the potential threat to the area of Communism should be taken into consideration.

Aid to Africa

The least suspect and most readily effective form of aid would appear to be that sponsored by the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies. Although we cannot earmark our contribution for use in particular areas, we might give consideration to increasing our participation in UNTAB. There are also possibilities in SUNFED, despite the strong lobbying pressures to which it would be subject when and if created. If SUNFED does not come into existence, a Colombo Plan type of programme might prove desirable and feasible at a later stage.

With the possible establishment in West Africa, we should consider how high Africa might rank on our list of priorities and weigh its qualifications carefully against those of Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

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ADMISSION TO COMMONWEALTH MEMBERSHIP: GOLD COAST (GHANA)

The prospect of independence for the Gold Coast in the near future raises again the question whether some procedure should be adopted for admission of new members to the Commonwealth, instead of their attainment of self-government making them *ipso facto* members, as has been the case in the past. The attainment of independence by the Gold