

between us; we share the same ideals of freedom, and of dedication to peace. We settle our differences by arbitration rather than by threats of armed conflict. What our two countries have been able to do I believe that the nations of the world could do if each and all but have the will to do so.

Nations, like individuals, cannot live unto themselves alone. Arnold Toynbee, the historian, has stated the application of that principle in these words:

"The Twentieth century will be chiefly remembered by future generations not as an era of political conflicts or technical inventions, but as an age in which human society dared to think of the welfare of the whole human race as a practical objective."

### Economic Contribution

Canada has been blest with vast resources. In other parts of the world people are demanding that their standards of living be raised. Canada, with other free world nations, is making her contribution to that objective.

Many billions of dollars have been advanced by Western nations for aid and economic assistance to nations in Asia and Africa, so that needy nations everywhere may be given the opportunity to raise standards of living for themselves, by themselves. Many tens of millions of people in Asia and Africa believe that there is no release or escape from eternal poverty. By help and assistance plans, the "have-nations" can and must show them that there is.

Since the end of the last war Canada's contribution (without strings attached) to the Colombo and other assistance plans, has amounted to \$4,600,000,000.

An effective means whereby Asian, African and other countries can be provided with the means to raise their standards by themselves, which appears to me to be reasonable, is to provide technical training to representative citizens of needy countries who will return to their homeland after training and launch economic developments in power and industry, in agricultural and self-help programmes for health and education and other such projects.

Last fall I visited the Commonwealth countries in Asia and saw evidence of Canadian assistance in power, irrigation and economic projects, and technical assistance to universities, and I saw the beneficial results that were being attained. In the past years since the Colombo Plan came into existence Canada has made annual contributions not exceeding \$35 million a year, and during this year and the ensuing two years the amounts contributed under this Plan will be raised to \$50 million per year.