

WESTERN CANADA AND NORTHWESTERN UNITED STATES WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE IN THE PAST 50 YEARS THIS AREA HAS EXPERIENCED A MOST REMARKABLE EXPANSION OF POPULATION AND OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT", AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CENTRE STATES. "THE REGION'S NATURAL RESOURCES OF LAND, FOREST, WILD LIFE, MINERALS, WATER AND ENERGY HAVE PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT WHICH CAN USEFULLY BE STUDIED BY PERSONNEL FROM THE LESS MATERIALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES".

UNDER A THREE-WAY AGREEMENT ON OPERATION OF THE CENTRE, THE UNITED NATIONS WILL SUPPLY FELLOWSHIPS FOR THE TRAINEES AND WILL PROVIDE A DIRECTOR AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WILL PROVIDE INSTRUCTION AND GUIDANCE FOR THE FELLOWS, AS WELL AS OFFICE SPACE FOR THE CENTRE. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE \$10,000 IN EACH OF THE THREE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING 1959-60. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS COOPERATED BY MAKING THE FACILITIES OF ITS AGENCIES IN NORTHWESTERN STATES AVAILABLE TO THE TRAINEES FOR STUDY AND OBSERVATION.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS BY HUGH L. KEENLEYSIDE, UN UNDER-SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF THE OFFICE FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. U.N. AND AGENCY FELLOWS ELIGIBLE FOR FELLOWSHIPS FOR THE CENTRE WILL BE PROVIDED UNDER THE PRESENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND RELATED AGENCIES (UNDER THIS PROGRAM, EXPERTS IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS ARE SENT TO UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS, AND FELLOWS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES ARE ENABLED TO OBTAIN ADVANCED TRAINING ABROAD).

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN SPECIFICALLY FOR THE VANCOUVER PROGRAM, BUT FELLOWSHIP WINNERS SELECTED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE NEW CENTRE WHEN IT IS CONSIDERED THAT ITS FACILITIES WOULD BE USEFUL IN THEIR SPECIALTIES. ALL FELLOWS ARE SELECTED FROM CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY GOVERNMENTS, AND AWARDS ARE GRANTED FOR VARYING PERIODS RANGING UP TO A YEAR.

IN THE PAST, MOST FELLOWSHIP WINNERS HAVE STUDIED IN REGULAR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS. THE VANCOUVER CENTRE WILL INCREASE EMPHASIS ON PRACTICAL TRAINING AND WILL GIVE FELLOWS ACCESS TO COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL PROJECTS IN THEIR AREA OF STUDY. IN ADDITION, TO BROADEN THEIR OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE OF