

At their working sessions, the Prime Minister and Mr. Gérin-Lajoie studied a number of aspects of Canadian assistance to the economic and social development of Senegal. Having reviewed existing programs of co-operation between the two countries, they looked at future projects in such varied fields as agriculture, fisheries, tourism, forestry, urban sanitation, town planning, cinema, television and telecommunications.

The Prime Minister of Senegal emphasized the high priority his Government attaches to the water-supply aspects of agricultural development; in recognition of that priority, CIDA agreed to provide assistance in the area in question.

CIDA gave a favourable reception to the presentation of the various proposals, and recognized the priorities indicated by the Prime Minister of Senegal. The proposals will be studied by the CIDA staff, and the Agency will shortly be sending a team of experts to Senegal to make a more accurate assessment of the projects in question, giving priority to irrigation and fisheries development.

Mr. Gérin-Lajoie announced a decision in principle by the Canadian Government to grant a loan on favourable terms to finance a project involving cold storage facilities for perishable foodstuffs. The project had been identified in 1968 by the Chevrier Mission, and was carried out by the Canadian firm, Cogetec, which submitted to both Governments a recommendation for the renovation of refrigeration facilities in Dakar, Rufisque, Kaolack and Saint-Louis, and the supply of refrigeration equipment for the storage of meat, fish and vegetables. It was agreed that the possibility of a second stage in the execution of this program would be considered at a later date.

The Prime Minister and the President of CIDA agreed that technical co-operation between the two countries should be stepped up by sending two technical advisers to Senegal, one to be assigned to the State Planning Secretariat and the other to the Ministry of International Co-operation.

The President of CIDA informed the Senegalese delegation of his desire to see Canadian aid geared more to the needs of regional communities, without in any way losing sight of national development objectives. The Prime Minister of Senegal expressed interest in this