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[Ottawa], March 14, 1961

*Present*

The Secretary of State for External Affairs and Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Green) in the Chair,  
 The Minister of Transport (Mr. Balcer),  
 The Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Churchill),  
 The Minister of National Defence (Mr. Harkness),  
 The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration (Mrs. Fairclough),  
 The Minister of Fisheries (Mr. MacLean),  
 The Minister of Labour (Mr. Starr),  
 The Postmaster General (Mr. William Hamilton),  
 The Solicitor General (Mr. Browne),  
 The Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys (Mr. Comtois),  
 The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Monteith),  
 The Minister of Defence Production (Mr. O'Hurley),  
 The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Walker),  
 The Associate Minister of National Defence (Mr. Sévigny),  
 The Minister of Forestry (Mr. Flemming),  
 The Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources (Mr. Dinsdale),  
 The Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Halpenny).  
 The Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Dr. Hodgson),  
 Mr. D.F. Wall, Privy Council Office.

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## EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICAN STATES

29. *The Secretary of State for External Affairs* said that it had been urged in Parliament and elsewhere that means be found of ensuring greater participation by Canada's French-speaking universities and other educational institutions in the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan for educational assistance. Considering the present emergence as independent nations of a number of former French and Belgian dependent territories in Africa, and the desirability of retaining Western influence in these areas, he considered it important that Canada, as a non-colonial power sharing a language with these areas, establish an educational assistance programme for these new nations. Approval in principle was sought for a programme at an annual cost of approximately \$300,000.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated, (Minister's memorandum, Feb. 10 – Cab. Doc. 110-61).

30. *Mr. Green* stressed the vital importance of granting educational assistance to emergent nations in Africa as a means of improving international understanding, and pointed out that this was a unique opportunity for Canada's French-speaking educational institutions to make a useful contribution.

31. *During the discussion* some Ministers said that the amount involved was greater than the amount of federal grants made annually for the benefit of Canadian students. Others expressed concern that African students coming to Canada might attempt to enter the labour force and remain as immigrants.