

The Centre will identify, initiate and encourage, support and undertake research into the problems involved in the development of economically-deprived regions of the world. It will seek to develop the most effective application of the results of this research to the needs of the people of those regions. It will give high priority to programs that assist the developing countries in building their own scientific and technological capabilities so that they will not be mere welfare recipients but contributors in their own right to the solution of their own problems.

Implementation of Programs

I have said that the Centre will be "problem-oriented". A small expert headquarters group will identify specific development problems and develop programs designed to focus resources upon them. In the development and implementation of its programs, the Centre would work closely with other government departments and non-governmental institutions, particularly Canadian universities and industry. A typical project might consist of a number of programs carried out on a decentralized basis by institutions and individuals chosen for their specific capacity. The Centre will also be able to provide financial support to specific research activities of other institutions that contribute directly to its own programs and objectives.

For example, a program designed to improve the protein content of cereal grains might be spearheaded by a Canadian university with special experience in that field. It would involve a number of other Canadian and non-Canadian organizations, each of which would be engaged in a specific aspect of the work as part of a co-ordinated program. Appropriate authorities in the less-developed countries would be involved in the crucial work of applying and adapting the results of all the work to the environmental and social conditions of those countries.

After a project has been undertaken, the function of the headquarters group will be to oversee the programs and to audit and disseminate their results. Discussions with the OECD Development Centre, the United Nations and some of the United Nations Specialized Agencies indicate that the Centre's headquarters might also provide a centralized system for assimilating, storing, retrieving and disseminating scientific and technical data relevant to international development. In this way, the Centre would help provide an important and, at present missing, link in the co-ordination of world international development programs.

Emphasis on Canadian Capabilities

It is too early to be specific about the Centre's programs, but emphasis will certainly be given to those problems to which Canadian capabilities seem especially applicable. Final decisions on program priorities will be reserved to the Centre's board of governors. CIDA and the United Nations Advisory