

and the despatch of missions abroad to study the latest techniques and developments;

(b) the provision of experts, instructors and advisory missions to assist in planning development or reconstruction, for use in public administration, in health services, scientific research, in agricultural, industrial or other productive activities and in the training of local personnel on the spot; and

(c) the provision of equipment required for training or use by technical experts in the region.

CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN COLOMBO PROGRAMME

Canada is represented by a permanent representative on the Council for Technical Co-operation in Colombo, which supervises the Programme. In addition to the Council, a Technical Co-operation Bureau has been established in Colombo to handle all requests for aid under the Programme for Technical Co-operation.

The Government of Canada has been concerned from the very beginning with the need to give the programme momentum. This has made it necessary that Canada take the initiative in making offers to recipient countries. In making these offers the Government has been guided by two considerations: that these offers be in accordance with the requirements of the recipient countries; and that they be offers which, in the light of our recent extensive defence commitments, can be implemented. Offers of scholarships and fellowships in Canada and offers to receive technical missions to visit this country have been made with the above considerations in mind. The necessity for the provision of training in the countries of the area at elementary levels, however, has not been ignored and as the programme progresses it is hoped that the "grass roots" conception of the aid to be offered will be more and more emphasized. As the assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs for the United Nations, Mr. David Owen, has said:

"However real the demand for economic progress, the rendering of technical assistance encounters many difficulties. Some of these are inherent in the very conditions of economic under-development which technical assistance is designed to remedy. There is also sometimes an imperfect appreciation in the under-developed countries of the character of their total needs and a consequent misunderstanding as to the proper priorities to be assigned to projects of economic development. At the same time, the transference of the knowledge, skill, and experience of the developed countries is a far from simple operation and more experience will be needed to ensure the success of every operation undertaken."

With these considerations in mind, the Canadian Government has made the following contributions to the Colombo Programme for Technical Co-operation in its first year of operation.

In the first place it has offered 60 scholarships and fellowships to the countries of the area which are members of the Council for Technical Co-operation in Colombo.