

that it was clear that other contributing countries would make appropriate contributions so that the broad objectives of the plan might be realized. Since that time we have been taking steps to make arrangements with recipient countries for the purpose of ensuring that so far as Canada is concerned the momentum of the plan is sustained.

The Colombo report contains in its appendices lists of projects for financing under the plan; and without waiting for the working out of the details of the plan, indeed without waiting for the plan to come into operation, we have asked the Indian and Pakistan governments to send over technically qualified representatives to discuss with our officials on a bilateral basis the projects in which we might assist, having in mind those items which Canada is best fitted to undertake; and in this connection we are doing all the preparatory work that we can to keep this movement going.

In the broader field of technical assistance we have played, I think, a useful part. We have participated, either through the headship of, or membership in technical missions, in United Nations missions to Bolivia, Ethiopia, Burma, Colombia, Egypt and India, and the filling of requests for technicians received from Libya, the Philippines, Indonesia and Ceylon under the United Nations programme is now currently under consideration; but it is not of course under present circumstances very easy to find suitable Canadian technicians for this purpose.

No technicians have yet been supplied under the Colombo Plan, but approximately 50 requests have been received from India, Pakistan and Ceylon, and are now being examined by the Technical Assistance Service. More has been accomplished in making Canadian facilities available for trainees from abroad.

We have notified the Bureau on Technical Co-operation in Colombo that we are prepared to accept twelve trainees from India, ten from Pakistan and six from Ceylon at an early date for placement in the following fields: road building, electrical engineering, pulp and paper, rail transportation and agriculture. The bureau in Colombo is being notified that we will accept three technical missions for a six to eight week tour of Canada during the summer in the field of hydroelectric power, road building and agriculture respectively.

During the February meeting of the Commonwealth Consultative Committee in Colombo the member countries were informed by our delegation that Canada was prepared to grant fellowships to interested recipient countries in such fields as agriculture, engineering, forestry, education and medical research. Subsequently we made a specific offer of sixty scholarships and fellowships to the countries of South and Southeast Asia.

#### Famine Conditions in India

Then there is the question...of assistance to India to deal with the very distressing and developing famine situation there. So that the facts on this matter might be clear, I should like to put into the record that the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Nehru, announced on May 10 that 50 thousand tons of wheat, purchased on a cash basis