

maintenance of the telecommunications system in Iran; a United States mining engineer will go to Turkey to advise the Government of the country in the search for new oil fields. And it has been announced by the Greek Government that as the result of prolonged studies in which United Nations experts participated, a new and completely re-organized statistical system will be put into effect.

The problem facing the Technical Assistance Administration is now in fact one of using available resources, which are no longer adequate to meet all the requests received in the way that will bring the greatest return, and of seeing that these resources are concentrated on the most urgent and useful projects among the many that are suggested. It is essentially a question of deciding on the relative degrees of necessity. The highest standards of prudent administration are also desirable, in order that the overhead costs should be kept to the minimum possible in view of the new and experimental nature of much of the work to be done.

The financial details of the expanded programme for 1954 will be under discussion in this Committee at a later date. For the present, as I said before, my delegation merely wishes to restate the strong interest that the Canadian Government has had and will continue to have in the technical assistance programme; a programme which, if wisely administered and above all widely and generously supported, can do so much to develop the human and natural resources of the world and to enrich the lives of all men everywhere.

and unnecessary suffering; none gives the under-developed countries themselves a better opportunity to help one another by exchange of skills and training; none contributes in a more useful and constructive way to the achievement of the objectives set forth in Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter.

It is that the United States, which has the largest technical assistance programme, has in the first two years or so of operation requests for assistance from the under-developed areas lagged behind available resources. This slow start is hardly surprising; the idea was new, the methods of implementation unexplored, and the very lack of technical experts sometimes made it difficult to determine the precise field and the precise way in which help would be most valuable. No one can now be in any doubt that the expanded programme is fully under way and that the most varied range of services is being asked for and provided that is within the financial limitations referred to by the Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board. Merely as an illustration which has come to my own attention, I might mention that, according to press releases issued by the United Nations Department of Public Information since the Assembly began its session--and the information is certainly not exhaustive--a Canadian expert has gone to Venezuela to help draw up the plans of a rehabilitation centre for the physically handicapped; a consultant from the Netherlands has gone to Pakistan to give advice on the many wooden craft which

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