

Student Hostel Opened

President Giri Attends Inauguration of Canadian Assisted Hostel in Mysore.

Late in September the President, Shri V. V. Giri, inaugurated the International Student Centre at the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore. The President paid generous tribute to the Canadian Government and the Canadian Hunger Foundation for their help in financing and equipping the Student Centre as well as assistance to the Institute.

The Institute came into existence in 1950 as part of the Government's plan to carry out applied and basic research on all post-harvest aspects of food problems in India. Since then the Institute has made valuable contributions in food science and technology. New techniques on infestation control, new protein isolates and new foods for under-nourished children are a few of the contributions of the Institute.

In 1964, the scope of the training was enlarged to serve as an advanced training centre for food technologists for the whole of South East Asia, and as a result of an agreement between the Government of India and the FAO, the International Food Technology Training Centre came into being at the Institute. The first Director of the Centre was a Canadian, Dr. W. J. Gall. The Centre provides training in modern methods of storage, preservation, packaging and processing of food materials. The problems of malnutrition and the solutions are stressed in the training programme.

Over 400 students from other countries have been trained at the Centre and have been financially supported by the FAO, Canada-Mysore Project, the Canadian Government, the Indian Food Industries and the Government of India.

Mr. Paul Gerin-Lajoie, President of the Canadian International Development Agency in a message of congratulations read at the inauguration stated that the "effective utilisation of the products of agriculture in the development of nations and the welfare of man through food technology is becoming of increasing importance as an essential adjunct to agricultural and fisheries production". To the students of the Centre, Mr. Gerin-Lajoie wished success in this important field.

