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The Department of External Affairs announced that Mr. Nik Cavell is leaving today for South Asia in connection with Canada's activities under the Colombo Plan. Mr. Cavell, who is the Administrator of the Colombo Plan in Canada, will visit Ceylon, India and Pakistan to consult with government authorities and Canadian diplomatic missions in those countries on the most useful forms that Canadian technical and capital assistance might take, and he will examine particular economic development projects in the field. Mr. Cavell will be accompanied by Mr. Hume Wright of the Department of Finance, and they will be joined in each of the three Asian countries by an official of the resident Canadian mission. They will spend about two weeks in Ceylon, five weeks in India and four weeks in Pakistan.

The recommendations and advice which Mr. Cavell will give on his return, as a result of his on-the-spot investigations and consultations, will be utilized by Canadian Government authorities in determining how Canada's Colombo Plan funds can most effectively be used in the coming year.