

UNITED NATIONS

The ideal of aid to the underdeveloped areas was embodied in the United Nations Charter itself. Under the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations specialized agencies now working in South and South-East Asia are:

- (1) The International Labour Organization
- (2) The Food and Agriculture Organization
- (3) UNESCO (The U.N. Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
- (4) The World Health Organization
- (5) The International Civil Aviation Organization
- (6) Children's Emergency Fund
- (7) The Technical Assistance Organization.

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Our great neighbour to the south has done much in the aid field through the medium of the MUTUAL SECURITY ACTS of 1951 and 1952 and the Agricultural Trade Development Assistance Act, operated in the past by the Point Four Programme and then by the Foreign Operations Administration, more commonly known as FOA, and now under the International Cooperation Administration.

The United States has poured millions of dollars into the South East Asian area for aid alone, leaving aside other millions for defence. It operates under a series of agreements with the various governments of the area and these agreements cover a vast field of endeavour aimed at giving these people the knowledge and technical processes which have served to make the standard of living on the North American Continent so high, and thus make it possible for these underdeveloped countries to start to raise their own standards. The United States is now a full-fledged member of the Colombo Plan and therefore its operations form a part of the whole Colombo programme.

THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The International Bank has made loans of many millions of dollars which have made major development projects in South-East Asia possible. It has sent many highly qualified people on missions to the area to help local governments and officials in working out programmes. The Bank's reports and published documents are of inestimable value, not only to those countries concerned, but to all of us who work in the difficult field of aid to underdeveloped areas. I wish I had time today to give you some idea