

Colombo Plan; projects for India and Pakistan

21. The Minister of National Defence, as Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, recommended that authorization be given for expenditures on three projects for assistance to India and Pakistan under the Colombo Plan.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(Acting Minister's memorandum, March 24, 1953-
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22. The Cabinet approved the recommendation of the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, concurred in by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, and agreed:

(a) that authorization be given for the expenditure of \$2.2 million for the provision of 40 locomotive boilers to India under the Colombo Plan; the Indian government to establish a counterpart fund of a size that would be appropriate in the light of arrangements for financing the Indian railways, and other relevant considerations;

(b) that the hydro-electric project at Warsak, Pakistan, be approved in principle as a suitable project for Canadian Colombo Plan aid, and \$3.4 million be allocated out of the 1952-53 vote for provision of electrical equipment for it; the Pakistan government to be informed that additional allotments would be made in subsequent years, within the limits of amounts available to Pakistan out of funds appropriated by Parliament for the Colombo Plan; possible arrangements for a counterpart fund to be made, dependent on considerations as outlined; and,

(c) that authorization be given for the expenditure of Colombo Plan funds, up to \$170,000, to provide Beaver aircraft and related equipment to Pakistan to be used in the locust control programme.

International Civil Aviation Organization; Canadian delegation to 7th session of Assembly

23. The Minister of National Defence, as Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, submitted a recommendation concerning the Canadian delegation to the 7th session of the Assembly of I.C.A.O. to be held in Brighton, England, beginning on June 16th and lasting approximately three weeks. The session would be the first in three years to deal with the whole range of I.C.A.O.'s activities.

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