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AID AND DEVELOPMENT

ETHIOPIAN FAMINE ASSISTANCE

EDITORIALS

Portage Leader/MacGregor Herald Dec. 18/84

Canadians have responded overwhelmingly to the famine and have accounted for more than half of all food aid delivered to date. David MacDonald was appointed aid co-ordinator for famine relief, CIDA contributed an additional \$3.5 million in humanitarian relief assistance and will provide \$4 million in cereal.

The News (Medicine Hat, Alta.) Dec. 10/84

Long term development aid for Africa is essential. Offering only emergency food relief will bring a recurrence of mass starvation. The UN Food and Agriculture Organization claims soil in Ethiopia is rich enough and the climate good enough to have the country provide enough food for more than its own population. Canada has said it plans to place greater emphasis on development aid in its assistance to the Third World, and while this kind of aid is the only solution it might be difficult to convince the public of it.

Saskatoon Star Phoenix Dec. 24/84

While emergency aid is necessary in Africa, assistance must be ongoing in the areas of agricultural programs which will lead to self-sufficiency. A return to self-sufficiency is the only possible long term solution for Africa.

Halifax Daily News Nov. 29/84

Although the West has a moral obligation to help the starving in the Third World, those governments also have an obligation to help their people. Canadians should press the government, through its foreign aid agencies to make sure aid is put to the best use.

Western Producer Dec. 6/84

(by Keith Dryden)

Donations to help feed the starving is a worthy first step, but development programs to help these people become self-sufficient are just as vital. However, political and military problems in the country will have to be solved first. The country will have to concentrate less on growing cash crops and more on growing food to feed its people and work to solve the civil war.

Halifax Chronicle Herald Nov. 9/84

The lead editorial says Canadians can be "justly proud" of Lewis' "impassioned" maiden UN speech urging Ethiopian relief.