

Thailand we have had approaches from that country; and have trained one nurse and have had requests for certain technical assistance.

Q. As the Plan and the policy now stands Canada's enlarged contribution—I say "enlarged" because it is increased by about 4 per cent over last year—will it still be confined to the three countries we have been aiding so far?—A. No sir. It is going to be spread more widely certainly as far as technical assistance is concerned.

Q. Could you say a word about that wider extension? Will we confine it to the training of personnel?—A. We shall apply this assistance to the training of personnel because the countries concerned are not yet, I feel, in a position to formulate plans for assistance, and until they get some help in doing that I doubt if they could prepare capital assistance plans which would be realistic.

*By Miss Aitken:*

Q. The question I am about to ask has been addressed to other experts, Mr. Chairman, but I do not think it has been asked of Mr. Cavell. In your brief, Mr. Cavell, you mentioned an item with regard to training in journalism and public relations, and I want to know something about Canada's own public relations. Are we getting credit in these various countries for what we are trying to do? I do not mean anything "small" or that we particularly want thanks, but is it creating good will?—A. I think the answer to that is that Canada's prestige stands, I would say, "ace high" in all those countries.

Q. There has been some question that the politicians in those countries accept what we do and take the credit of our work for themselves.—A. That is inevitable I am afraid—I must try to remember the committee I am appearing before here today . . .

*By Mr. Fleming:*

Q. Politicians are the same the world over!

The CHAIRMAN: Whether in or out of power.

A. I would think that is true, Mr. Fleming. But there is a little difficulty which arises Miss Aitken, and that is: we aid the central government and we deal with central governments. The equipment we give to central governments is not necessarily given by those central governments to the provinces and we of course do not interfere in the relations between the central governments and their provinces. If a central government, on a loan basis, gives to a province the aid we supply, the province does not feel particularly grateful to us since they have to pay for it anyway; but we are, overall of course, aiding the economy of the country because the central government has something to lend which it might not have had otherwise. So while in the provinces you do not feel any extreme gratitude to Canada or, for that matter to any other aid agency, you do find it at the central government level.

The CHAIRMAN: Miss Aitken probably also had in mind the question whether we, or the Canadian administrators of the Plan, give any publicity to the aid which is being extended—whether we have any public relations officers dealing with this matter. The question was asked the other day—do representatives of Canada, or administrators of the Plan in these various countries give any publicity to the help we contribute as Canadians?

The WITNESS: In Southeast Asia? Oh yes. Newspaper articles constantly appear and whenever equipment arrives photographs are taken and so on.

The CHAIRMAN: With reference to Canada?

The WITNESS: Yes, there is a fair amount of publicity for what we do. Of course, I would like it to be clear that we do not seek, and I think we do