

## *Malayan Prime Minister in Canada*

**H**IS Highness Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs of the Federation of Malaya, paid his first visit to Canada from October 19 to October 25. He was accompanied by Dato Nik Ahmed Kamil, Malayan Ambassador to the United States and the United Nations, Inche Zaiton, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs, and other officials. On arrival in Ottawa on the evening of October 19, he was greeted by the Prime Minister of Canada and a representative of the Governor-General. After inspecting the guard of honour, the Tunku met the diplomatic corps, Cabinet Ministers, and Malayan students in Canada. The party then left for Government House, where the Tunku and his senior officials were guests of the Governor-General and Madame Vanier for the duration of their stay in Ottawa. En route from Paris to Ottawa earlier in the day, the Tunku had stopped briefly at Montreal Airport, where he was met by the press and by some of the 21 Malayan students now studying in Canada under the Colombo Plan and the Commonwealth Education Programme.

During his stay in Ottawa, the Malayan Prime Minister had dinner and lunch with the Prime Minister and Mrs. Diefenbaker, attended lunch given by the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, held a press conference and television interview, accompanied the Governor-General and Madame Vanier to the Royal Canadian Navy's 50th Anniversary Dinner and Ball, conferred with the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and attended a dinner given by Governor-General and Madame Vanier.

### **Malay-Canadian Aid Agreement**

One of the most important occasions on the itinerary was the Tunku's meeting with Prime Minister Diefenbaker and the Canadian Cabinet on the morning of October 20. At the conclusion of this meeting, Mr. Diefenbaker announced that agreement had been reached between the Canadian and Malayan Governments on the allocation to seven Malayan projects of a portion of the Colombo Plan funds voted previously by the Canadian Parliament. Canadian equipment to the value of \$1,165,000 will be provided for road construction, civil aviation, technical training schools, the University of Malaya, fisheries and forestry research centres. This complements an agreement reached earlier this year on several other Canadian contributions in the fields of university engineering research, small-scale industries, fish processing and agricultural soil research. The amount covered by the earlier agreement was \$423,500. At the same time the Prime Minister announced that in addition to these projects, which were covered by earlier votes, the total Canadian Colombo Plan funds for 1960-61 would be \$2 million. The apportionment of these funds to specific projects would be a