

the under-developed countries are anxious to sell - for example rice, cotton, sugar and beef - while in the West, we have our own serious surplus problems. The Soviet bloc is, in fact, entering into the field of competitive co-existence in economic matters with many points in their favour and at a time very favourable to them.

The Soviet leaders also have no difficulty in organizing and conducting programmes of technical assistance. Although the Western countries, including Canada, have sent to many countries of the world experts in a wide variety of technical matters, this part of our technical assistance programme has not been easy. It has been hard to secure qualified men. Much has been heard lately in the United States and Canada about our increasing lack of technical experts, and for the need to increase very considerably the number of technical and scientific graduates from our universities. In general, both for the Colombo Plan and for the various schemes of technical assistance directed by the United Nations, we have probably not been able to supply more than half the requests sent in for expert advice, or for students to receive technical training in the West. We operate in this as in other fields on a voluntary basis. This involves certain difficulties which the Soviet leaders do not have. Their technical or engineering experts are simply directed to go where ordered, and to stay there until told to come home.

In this way the Soviet leaders enjoy an advantage in what might be termed their communist missionary work abroad. They have only to decide what it is in their interest to do, and they can then give effect to their decisions.

It is, therefore, much easier for them than it is for us to make offers which sound very generous, not only to send their technicians abroad, but also to train technicians from those countries in Russia. The technical training of these trainees will be thorough. So will the communist indoctrination to which they will be exposed and which may be the main reason for inviting them. There will never be any difficulty in finding room for them in Soviet institutions.

Another important advantage which the Soviet leaders enjoy is the undoubted anti-colonial feeling which still prevails and will prevail for a long time in many of the important countries of Asia. The Russians, ignoring that they are at the present time themselves the world's greatest colonial power, claim constantly and insistently that all of the ills of the former colonial possessions, whether in low health standards, inadequate food, and lack of technical progress; or floods or droughts or failure in football, all