

U.A.R. Students in Canada

THE SECRETARY of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, recently announced the arrival of a group of students from the United Arab Republic to undertake advanced science studies at Canadian universities.

Mr. Green said that the Government of the U.A.R. had requested the help of Canadian authorities in placing a number of science students from the Republic in Canadian universities for the current year. The Department of External Affairs had consulted Dr. H. H. Saunderson, President of the National Conference of Universities and Colleges, and, in spite of the short time remaining before the beginning of the academic year, the response of the NCCUC and the universities had been encouraging. An NCCUC team had been sent to Cairo to interview applicants in order that successful candidates might start their studies without undue delay.

During their fortnight's stay in Cairo, Dr. T. H. Matthews, Executive Secretary of the NCCUC, and Dr. F. E. W. Wetmore, Associate Dean of Arts at the University of Toronto, reviewed the applications of some fifty students. In spite of the highly specialized nature of the studies involved, sixteen of the candidates interviewed were placed in Canadian universities. These students, all of whom are at the post-graduate level, have been admitted to the Universities of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, to Western University, the University of Toronto, the Ontario Agricultural College, Macdonald College and McGill University. Their fields of study include physics, chemistry, electrical and chemical engineering, metallurgy, soil science, soil chemistry and botany. All their expenses will be paid by the U.A.R. Government. The students, some of whom were accompanied by their parents, were met upon arrival by the World University Service.

Mr. Green said that he welcomed the initiative of the United Arab Republic in seeking additional cultural relations with Western countries and was gratified that the request on behalf of the U.A.R. students had been met so promptly and generously by the NCCUC and the Canadian universities.