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CANADIAN ENGINEER TO PAKISTAN UNDER COLOMBO PLAN

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MR. J. L. WITBECK OF TORONTO HAS ACCEPTED A SIX-MONTH COLOMBO PLAN ASSIGNMENT IN PAKISTAN, WHERE HE WILL ACT AS ADVISER TO THE WEST PAKISTAN ROAD TRANSPORT BOARD IN THE ORGANIZATION OF A WORKSHOP TO REPAIR USED AUTOMOTIVE PARTS. THE TRANSPORT BOARD HAS A FLEET OF SOME 1,500 BUSES. MR. WITBECK HAS BEEN GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY THE HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO, WHERE HE IS SERVICES MANAGER OF THE TORONTO CENTRAL WORKSHOPS. HE LEAVES CANADA TODAY TO GO DIRECTLY TO LAHORE, PAKISTAN.

MR. WITBECK WAS BORN IN VANCOUVER AND IS A MECHANICAL ENGINEERING GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. HE SERVED OVERSEAS DURING THE WAR WITH THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE, RETIRING WITH THE RANK OF FLIGHT LIEUTENANT. HE WORKED AS A JUNIOR ENGINEER WITH THE CANADIAN GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED AND LATER AS A PRODUCTION ENGINEER WITH THE GUTTA PERCHA RUBBER LIMITED IN TORONTO. MR. WITBECK HAS BEEN WITH THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO SINCE 1950.