

Agriculture

In the field of agriculture, Canada has provided such items as crop-spraying aircraft and other pest control equipment to Pakistan and India; workshop equipment for agricultural machinery in Burma and Pakistan; mobile veterinary clinics for Cambodia, portable irrigation pumps to Ceylon, and soil science equipment to Malaya. In the early years of the Plan, Canada joined with Australia and New Zealand in the development of an experimental farm in the Thal area of West Pakistan. Its objective was to provide refugee settlers with draught, milk and other animals to carry out agricultural experiments, to supply the best type of seed for the area, and in general to provide a research station for the benefit of the settlers. Canada's contribution included agricultural machinery and equipment.

In addition, assistance has been extended to both India and Pakistan by the contribution of about \$101,000 to the Commonwealth Biological Control Institute for the establishment of a Biological Control Research Station at Bangalore in South India and at Rawalpindi in Pakistan.

Fisheries

Ceylon—Fisheries development has also played an important part in helping to alleviate food shortages in South-East Asia. Canada's largest contribution in this field has been to aid the establishment of an experimental fisheries project in Ceylon designed to increase fish catches, to improve handling and market facilities and thus to help to overcome the serious protein deficiency in food consumed by the people of that country. Two Canadian west coast fishing boats manned by Canadian crews, a marine biologist and a fishing expert were sent to Ceylon to inaugurate this programme. In the initial phase, a considerable amount of experimental and research work was done on the study of fish habits, feeding grounds, etc., and on instructing local fishermen how to make more efficient use of fishing gear. Latterly, a Canadian trawler was supplied to assist in the more advanced stages of the project. Since much of the catch had been unavoidably spoiled through lack of refrigeration, a modern refrigeration plant was installed as well as a small reduction plant for turning fish offal into animal feed and fertilizer, and for the extraction of fish oils. At the same time, the Government of Ceylon built an excellent fishing harbour and breakwater contiguous to