

AID URGED FOR HUNGRY NATIONS

Trade and Commerce Minister Robert Winters recently called on the developed countries of the world to increase their economic and food aid to the under-developed nations.

"If the world of the future is to be other than a world of hunger, we must bend every effort to assist those peoples unable to feed themselves," the Minister said, at a lunch sponsored by the Saskatchewan government and the Saskatoon Board of Trade. "World population has exploded while world food production has remained virtually static."

Mr. Winters pointed out that Canada was, *per capita*, the largest contributor of food aid in the world. During the past fiscal year, he said, Canadian food aid had amounted to over \$100 million. Now loading in Vancouver, he added, was a grain-carrier that would transport three million bushels of wheat, the output of 400 average Saskatchewan farms, to India - the largest cargo ever loaded at a Canadian port.

"This food aid," Mr. Winters declared, "is not a gift - it is an investment in our future in this increasingly integrated world."

"Starvation and malnutrition breed disease and discontent," the Minister went on. "It is no coincidence that illness and insensate civil violence prevail almost exclusively in the under-developed,

undernourished regions of the world. If the global village that is the world community is to advance in harmony rather than explode in conflict, we must take far more seriously the injunction that we must be our brothers' keepers."

WORLD FOOD-AID PLAN

In the cereal negotiations taking place in Geneva as part of the "Kennedy round", Canada was pressing for a world food aid plan, he said. Such a plan would call on all developed countries - not just the efficient grain producers - to shoulder the burden of providing adequate nutrition to the peoples of countries less fortunate in their natural resources than Canada.

Fertilizer and technical assistance were also of importance in the battle against world hunger, Mr. Winters said. "If we are to get world production on a sounder footing, we shall have to improve the materials with which the people of the less-developed countries have to work, and their ability to use these materials."

Mr. Winters said that, by 1970, Canada - "and that means Saskatchewan" - would be the world's largest producer and exporter of potash, a major fertilizer base, and would be able to supply a third of the world's potash requirements.

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SUCCESS OF LOGEXPO

Pre-eminent among the successes scored by Expo '67 during its first week is the efficient operation of Logexpo. Of the two million people who flocked to the Exhibition grounds between April 28 and May 4, about 45 per cent were visitors who had found lodgings through Expo's housing bureau. Logexpo officials are already planning to maintain and even raise the high level of the free reservation service the bureau provides for visitors to the 1967 World Exhibition. A spokesman said recently that Logexpo's recently increased staff now works 24 hours a day booking accommodations of all kinds in the greater Montreal area for visitors to the Exhibition. The bureau matches requests with data stored in its giant computer on more than 200,000 beds available daily throughout Expo's six-month run.

PHONE RESERVATIONS

Besides the steady flow of written requests, Logexpo now receives, on an average, 450 telephone requests a day for reservations. Most are from the United States and Canada. A few calls come from overseas.

An official of the Quebec Provincial Lodging Service said that there had so far been few complaints from visitors who felt they were being charged more than the rates set by the Service for the lodgings they occupied; the great majority of landlords were abiding by the law, which had set stiff penalties for those who did not.

HEALTH RESOURCES ADEQUATE

Mr. Allan J. MacEachen, Minister of National Health and Welfare, issued two statements on May 10 in reply to recent comments by representatives of the Canadian Medical Association and the Ontario Medical Association regarding the Health Resources Fund and physicians' fees under medical care insurance.

In an address to the Ontario Medical Association, Dr. R.K.C. Thomson, President of the Canadian Medical Association, is reported to have described the amount of money available through the Health Resources Fund as "a mere pittance of what is needed for Canada".

MINISTER'S REPLY

The Health Minister's reply to Dr. Thomson was as follows:

"The Health Resources Fund, in an amount of \$500 million, is designed to provide capital assistance up to 50 per cent for the building, acquisition, renovation and equipment of health-training facilities, such as medical schools and teaching hospitals and for research institutions.

"In addition to the substantial support thus being provided, the programme will create a major stimulation to the building of necessary training and research facilities since the effect will be that at least \$1,000 million will be made available for these purposes.