

work of UNESCO. It is not enough, in my opinion, to be a donor or beneficiary nation if that means merely the contribution or receipt of moneys by governments and the occasional provision or use of experts and information in areas where both are useful. In saying this, I am not suggesting that the limited funds available to UNESCO should not be used in the areas of greatest need, nor am I suggesting that we should have spent for the benefit of Canada the equivalent of the contributions we may make. I am urging, for Canada and for all other countries, that the programmes and projects approved by UNESCO should be designed to interest and use the human and material resources in our member countries. As an illustration, may I cite one of UNESCO's major projects, "The Mutual Appreciation of East-West Cultural Values". There is in Canada a good deal of interest in this, and a survey just completed by our own National Commission indicates that we do have resources, both human and material, in this field. My concern is that somehow or other UNESCO will be able to use these, and, in doing so, bring to the personal attention of many Canadians the fact of its existence and the reality and value of its work.

Then, too, in the exchange of persons programme, whether these be technical "experts", scholars, artists or members of trade unions, I hope that UNESCO will arrange a real exchange in the sense that individuals come in as well as go out from our respective countries.

I hope, too, that UNESCO and those responsible for the implementation of its programmes will do everything possible to meet the particular needs or conveniences of the individuals in question and of the institutions to which they are attached.

As far as the current programme of this UNESCO Conference is concerned, Canada is interested in two major matters of principle: the first the nature and effectiveness of the programme and the second the intelligent and efficient use of all the moneys contributed. Specifically, this means that we should proceed with the few major projects or proposals which seem particularly important and we should devote most of our attention and resources to these. In this matter of the programme and the budget too, I believe that it would be well to consolidate our position and to assure ourselves that what we have done and are doing are both worth doing and the most important that we can do. For the next few years at least, we should stabilize our budget at about its present level, subject always to changes in the value of money or to special circumstances which may arise. This, to give us time to appraise what we have done and are now doing with a view to the elimination of the unimportant or unessential items, and the more adequate support of the really worth while.