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COLOMBO PLAN EXHIBITION

Standing before a row of flags of Colombo Plan countries at the Colombo Plan Exhibition held on September 20, 1954, in the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, are, left to right: M. S. M. Koreshi, Secretary of Pakistan delegation; Dr. S. Gupta, First Secretary, Office of the High Commission for India in Canada; Dr. Usman Sastroamidjoyo, Indonesian Ambassador to Canada; Mr. R. G. Nik Cavell, Dept. of Trade and Commerce, Canada; Mr. Ismail Bin Mohammed Ali, Federation of Malaya; Mr. C. V. Narasimhan, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, India; Mr. Prem Narain, India.

ing up of the report as a whole. The chapters under discussion included an introductory chapter dealing with the general economic and financial background of current Colombo Plan operations, a chapter devoted to each of the Asian countries, a chapter on the contributions being made by member countries, a chapter on technical assistance and a final chapter to contain a summary and conclusions. The work of the committees was carried on in the smaller committee rooms in the Centre Block or in the offices there which had been assigned to delegations.

The officials, often working until the early hours of the morning, completed their draft and their other recommendations in good time for the commencement of the Ministerial meeting on October 4. On the morning of that day, as the Ministers, accompanied by their officials, drove up to the Parliament Buildings for the opening session, the flags of member countries were flying in front of the Centre Block and the Dominion Carillonneur was playing a medley of their national anthems. The Prime Minister and the Speaker of the House of Commons received the delegates in the Speaker's Chambers. After the delegates had chatted for a while in the delegates' lounge, they moved into the House of Commons Chamber for the first session, which was