

During the Conference several delegations indicated that they proposed to maintain or increase their contributions next year to the Colombo Plan. Mr. Pearson outlined Canada's intentions for next year in the following words:

So far as next year's activities under the Colombo Plan are concerned the Canadian Government proposes to ask the next session of Parliament to make a significant increase in Canada's contribution above the amount of \$26.4 million which we are making available this year. The bulk of the increase would be for the purpose of meeting that part of the costs of the proposed atomic Reactor arising next year and for covering the increase in costs occurring in that year for certain other large projects already under way such as the Warsak project in Pakistan. In addition I am hopeful that with this increase we shall be able to begin some modest but very worthwhile projects particularly those involving technical assistance and equipment in those countries which have not been receiving much assistance from Canada in the past but with whose needs we are becoming more familiar.

During the Conference Mr. Pearson indicated some of the steps which were already being taken to provide aid to those countries in the area which had not yet received much assistance from Canada. He told the Conference that a Cobalt beam therapy unit would be made available to Burma and that necessary training for Burmese technicians would be provided under the technical co-operation scheme. He also informed the Conference that a Mission from Canada would shortly visit Indonesia with a view to determining how Canada might assist that country in developing its engineering training facilities; and this same Mission would also examine the desirability of Canada providing some assistance for a resources survey. Many other possible projects in these and other countries of the area including Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos were discussed by the individual Asian countries with the Canadian delegation at Singapore.