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# CANADIAN DEANS OF ENGINEERING TO INDIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment under the Colombo Plan of two university deans of engineering to carry out a survey of requirements in connection with the Regional Engineering Institutes of India. The Regional Engineering Institutes form part of the development programme of India's third five-year plan.

Dean R.R. McLaughlin of the University of Toronto and Dean H.G. Conn of Queen's University will be leaving for New Delhi during the first week of January and their assignment is expected to take about two months. Their services have been made available through the courtesy of the University of Toronto and Queen's University.

Dr. McLaughlin was born in Toronto and educated at Rosedale Public School and St. Andrews College. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto, where he obtained his Ph.D. degree in chemical engineering in 1926. He joined the staff of the University of Toronto in 1931 as a lecturer in the Department of Chemical Engineering, and became Professor of Chemical Engineering in 1943. He assumed his position as Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering in 1954. He was Vice-President of the Canadian Institute of Chemistry in 1942-43, President of the Canadian Chemical Association from 1943-44, and of the Chemical Institute of Canada from 1945-46. He is the author of several scientific papers. Dr. McLaughlin is married and has one daughter.

Born in Napanee, Mr. Conn is a graduate of Queen's University and the University of Michigan where he obtained his M.Sc. degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1946. He joined Queen's University in 1937 and is now Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science. During the war Mr. Conn served from 1939-45 in Europe as a Lieutenant-Colonel with the Royal Canadian Electrical and He is a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers Mechanical Engineers (London), the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Engineering Institute of Canada and the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario.

Mr. Conn is married and has two sons.