

### Commonwealth Caribbean Assistance Program

The Commonwealth Caribbean area, with a total population of about four million, receives a higher *per capita* volume of Canadian aid than any other developing region and Canada is one of the two major donors there. Allocations totalled \$23.2 million under the 1969-70 program, and rose to \$24 million in 1970-71.

Projects under way include a scheme for the expansion and improvement of Trinidad's dairy herds; the provision of 108 prefabricated rural schools in Jamaica; construction of a fish-marketing centre in Guyana and assistance to the University of Guyana; and a five-year program concentrating aid to the small Leeward and Windward Islands of the Eastern Caribbean region in the fields of education, air transport, water development and agriculture.

A substantial amount of technical assistance has also been given. Training programs were arranged in Canada for 413 students from the Commonwealth Caribbean during the calendar year 1970. CIDA provided 120 teachers, including professors and lecturers for the University of the West Indies, and 48 technical advisers to serve in the Caribbean area.

### Special Commonwealth Africa Assistance Plan

As in other areas of Canada's expanding aid program, the level of support to SCAAP increased in 1968-69, to \$25.5 million from \$18.8 million the previous fiscal year, and was over \$24 million in 1969-70. For 1970-71, \$24.38 million was allocated and authority was given to undertake a \$20-million power project in Botswana.

Technical assistance programs for Africa continued to receive major emphasis: 223 teachers and professors, 78 technical advisers, and 424 training positions in Canada were provided during 1970.

Loan agreements have been made with a number of the African countries. A \$2-million loan is being used for two transmission-lines in Tanzania and a loan for \$450,000 has been extended to pay for a master plan of the capital city of Dar-es-Salaam, and a \$1-million loan for an aerial survey in Southwest Tanzania. In addition, a NP-NC program for Tanzania of \$2-million during this fiscal year has been approved. A \$1-million loan agreement has been concluded with Uganda to supply 600 dairy cattle and 30 milk-cooling units to that country's dairy industry. A \$500,000 loan agreement has been signed with Kenya for a topographical mapping survey. Another large commitment of loan funds in SCAAP is the \$7.58-million Ghan-Togo-Dahomey Transmission Project. This project consists of the design and construction of a transmission-line to provide hydro-electric power for the coastal regions of the three countries, provision of generators and supply of other necessary equipment to the Akosombo power-station in Ghana. The largest loan commitment in SCAAP, and also the largest Canadian development-assistance project to Africa, consists of the \$20-million worth of support to the Shashi River Project in Botswana.