

consider making up-grading grants to help bring the libraries up to the first level in their specialized fields.

20. The Federal Government could provide much-needed stimulus to Pacific area studies at relatively little cost by endowing a small number of senior and post-doctoral research fellowships at Canadian universities. These would broaden the base of Pacific studies and also keep qualified young specialists in Canada to fill faculty vacancies as they may arise. Six fellowships (three senior and three post-doctoral), would cost approximately \$60,000 annually. The Committee believes that such an expenditure could produce substantial results in a short period.

21. There should be, for non-Commonwealth Pacific countries, the equivalent of the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan to provide for scholars to move between Canada and these countries. Even a small number of scholarships (perhaps ten annually) for Canadians would in a very few years substantially augment the pool of knowledgeable Canadians. At the same time, the scholarships in Canada for Pacific area students (perhaps fifteen each year) would complement the present opportunities under the National Research Council (NRC) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) auspices. Such a scheme is mentioned in the Policy Paper (on page 23) but only in the context of incoming students from Pacific countries. Clearly a two-way flow would be most beneficial. On a formula similar to the Commonwealth Plan the total cost of such a scheme to Canada would be on the order of \$60,000 annually.

22. The strengthened expertise of the academic community must also be utilized in a more directly beneficial manner from the national point of view. High priority should be given to the kind of "continuing" educational activity mentioned by Dr. John Howes in his testimony. The Committee was impressed by his example of "short seminars or courses for people who are already involved in professions or business" dealing with the Pacific.

23. Another of Dr. Howes's suggestions which might be of considerable benefit, with relatively little cost, is for the compilation of a national directory of Canadian institutions and individuals with competence in different aspects of Pacific affairs. Circulating among the official, business, and academic sectors, such a directory would help to pool national talent and expertise and make fuller use of the resources available. Similarly, it is to be hoped that action will soon be forthcoming on the Government's plans for programmes of rotation and secondment among serving Foreign Service officers and academics and graduate students. In the Committee's view, this is a promising experimental scheme. Such short-term personnel, with special linguistic or other skills, could make a valuable contribution to the missions concerned while supplementing their own field experience.

#### *Public Information*

24. Full Canadian participation in the Pacific community cannot be achieved by a select few, while the vast majority of Canadians remain largely uninformed and exposed only to "spotty and crisis-oriented" media coverage of regional affairs.