

leaders, will be likely to succeed. For its part the Committee on Information has expressed its conviction that the development of free and compulsory education requires the greatest possible expansion of teacher-training facilities and, while primarily the responsibility of the administering Members, also calls for co-operative international action, making use of the facilities and advice of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and the Specialized Agencies.

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It is in the field of higher education and technical training that member nations like Canada who have no direct responsibilities towards dependent territories, are perhaps best fitted to give a helping hand.

Technical Assistance

A number of students from non-self-governing territories now come to Canada under various bilateral and multilateral technical assistance programmes. These include the Colombo Plan, African and West Indies aid made available by the Canadian Government, the United Nations Technical Assistance Programmes and those of the Specialized Agencies of U.N.O. Under these programmes, fifty-four students from the West Indies have pursued in Canada such diverse fields of study as economics, co-operatives and marketing, education, forestry, radiology, town planning and public administration.

As has been mentioned previously in our debate the Commonwealth countries recently launched a new African aid programme, which has been termed the "special Commonwealth African assistance plan". It is designed as a scheme for co-operative action among members of the Commonwealth to assist Commonwealth countries, including dependent territories, in Africa. For this purpose, as was stated by Prime Minister Diefenbaker in his address to the General Assembly on September 26, Canada will, subject to Parliamentary approval, make available a contribution of \$10,500,000 over three years towards the development of African countries within the Commonwealth. The programme will include some of the dependent territories and the greater part will take the form of technical assistance and aids in education.