

annual Commonwealth finance ministers' meeting the week before the World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings and in Commonwealth consultations at the GATT multilateral trade negotiations and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. A new Commonwealth initiative in this area was the meeting in London, in March 1975, of ministers concerned with rural development and food production, following on the 1974 World Food Conference. A complementary initiative was the establishment by the 1975 Heads of Government meeting of a Commonwealth group of experts to draw up for consideration by Commonwealth governments a comprehensive and interrelated program of practical measures directed at closing the gap between the rich and the poor countries. Chaired by Alister McIntyre, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Caribbean Community, the "Ten Wise Men" prepared two reports in 1975

*The Idikki power-dam, largest high-arch dam in Asia, was built in Kerala State, India, with the support of Canadian technical assistance and equipment.*

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