

UNICEF*

In *External Affairs* for December there appeared a picture of barrels of dried milk being loaded for shipment to Europe, part of Canada's contribution of one million dollars worth of goods to UNICEF. A further, though very different, contribution was forthcoming in Toronto on Tuesday, January 24, when UNICEF benefited by the proceeds of a concert given by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Sir Ernest Macmillan. It was fitting that the solo performer should have been Miss Elizabeth Auld, a thirteen-year old pianist who played two movements of Haydn's D major piano concerto; the presence of this young artist emphasized effectively the purpose of the evening. Works by the Canadian composers Oscar Morawetz and Eldon Rathburn formed part of the programme, the international character of which was maintained by the inclusion of works by Sibelius, Britten, and Tchaikowsky.

The following statement describing the work of UNICEF was made by the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Heeney, during the proceedings of the Standing Committee of the House of Commons on External Affairs on November 24, 1949:

"The Canadian representative on the Executive Board (of UNICEF) in company with other members of the Board, made an inspection tour last summer in France, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Italy. In addition, heads of the Fund's missions in all European countries reported fully on the progress of their work. The Canadian representative states that as the result of their personal tour supplemented by these progress reports, all members of the Board were satisfied that the assistance provided really reached the intended recipients and that all receiving governments, including those of the satellite countries, were giving co-operation. The following are the chief methods by which these results are achieved:

- (a) Distribution of food is made through school feeding programmes and other community food projects, and food supplied by the Fund is thus consumed on the spot. Supplies are distributed to centres in small quantities and at short intervals. Inspection is frequent and unannounced. Diversion of goods or discrimination in their distribution is thus easily checked.
- (b) Owing to the "matching principle" on which the Fund works, the recipients do not get help unless they are prepared to co-operate very fully.
- (c) Heads of missions and key staff members are international civil servants, never nationals of the country in which they are stationed."

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