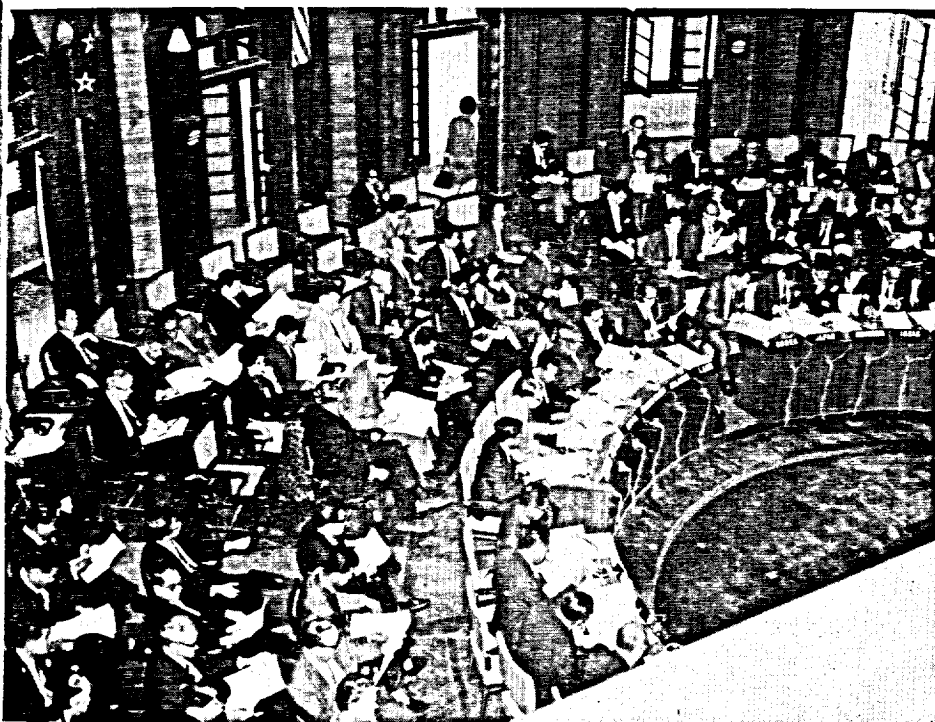




Delegates to the seventeenth meeting of the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee, Karachi, November 1966.

resulting in their failure to reach the minimum target of 5 per cent a year set by the United Nations for the Development Decade.

The Committee suggested increased trade between the developing countries and the industrially-advanced countries and more liberal trade policies and commodity-stabilization measures to increase export earnings of the developing countries.

Reviewing the progress of intra-regional technicians' training, the Committee recommended that countries of the Plan should give active support to it in the form to be decided upon by the countries concerned, according to their own circumstances.

Special Topic

A special topic under consideration was "The relationship between population and economic development in the Colombo Plan area". The Committee noted that the significance of this relationship varied from country to country and added, in its final communiqué :

However, an increase in population growth without an acceleration in the rate of economic development would hamper the advance of any country. The rate of growth of population has thus a direct bearing on the development prospects of the region.