

On the occasion of his official visit to Peru, the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, the Honourable Don Jamieson, was pleased to announce the signature on Thursday, January 20, 1977 of six technical co-operation subsidiary agreements amounting to more than Canadian \$5,000,000 as follows:

1. The investigation and production of rapeseed integrated with other crops cultivated in the highlands -- \$3,000,000.

Through this grant CIDA\* will assist in the purchase of equipment and administration of a pilot project in rapeseed seed production located in Puno near Lake Titicaca in the highland region.

Preliminary studies undertaken by CIDA indicated that 170,000 acres in the Department of Puno may produce rapeseed. The project focuses on the research and selection of seed varieties adaptable for cultivation in the highland. The cultivation of rapeseed would increase production of edible oils by 25 per cent.

The possibility of extending this cultivation to surrounding areas could represent potential self-sufficiency for the country. Furthermore, the implementation of this project will give rise to additional benefits such as the diversification of crops in the surrounding areas and the rational use of modern cultivation methods using agricultural machinery.

2. A training programme for the forest development and forest industry project in Peru -- Canadian \$820,000.

This project is unique in that it consists essentially of fifty scholarships for Peruvian professional and technical personnel at present working in the agricultural, and industrial and tourist sectors as well as for a number of university professors in the field of forestry sciences. The scholarships in forestry sciences and related fields are of two kinds. Most are for a period of two years and lead to a Master's Degree. Some, however, are for short term practical training. In either case, the studies can be undertaken in Canada or in third countries in Latin America with a recognized expertise in forestry management.

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\*Canadian International Development Agency.