

- Co-operation with other Agencies -

The Report points out that the Colombo Plan and other aid-giving agencies do not compete; instead they complement and augment each other's activities. It mentions the United Nations and its Specialised Agencies, the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Asia Foundation, among other international organisations and private agencies which are engaged in providing aid to the Region on one or more jointly assisted projects. The Mekong River Project, sponsored by ECAFE, the Solo Rehabilitation Centre in Indonesia are among the many examples given of joint activity.

- Administration of Co-operation -

Discussing the Administration of Technical Co-operation, the Report says the need of countries in South and South-East Asia for technical assistance is not in doubt; their continuing and increasing requests confirm it. The willingness of most of the governments who are partners in the Colombo Plan to provide technical assistance is also not in doubt: they reaffirmed it at the 1959 Consultative Committee and are providing training places, experts and equipment in increasing measure. The Council's concern is to see whether the provision is meeting the need expeditiously, economically, and to the mutual satisfaction of the governments concerned. "If a programme of technical co-operation is to be effective, the right trainees must be selected for the available training facilities; experts must be selected for tasks which they can accomplish with lasting benefit; suitable equipment must be requested supplied and then put to good use."

- "Working Smoothly" -

Ten years is too short a time says the Report to bring about dramatic changes in the welfare of over 700 million people. "Nor can the Colombo Plan alone claim credit for the undeniable changes for the better that have occurred. The Council is not in a position to assess these changes in relation to the continuing need: but it can record that the novel forms of international co-operation that it was convened to promote only nine and a half years ago are accepted and working smoothly in South and South-East Asia and in the Colombo Plan countries outside the area."