

operations of the United Nations Special Fund and the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. Subject to Parliamentary approval, Canada pledged \$7,325,000 (Cdn) to both programmes, \$5 million of which would be allocated to the Special Fund and the remainder to the Expanded Programme. Canada's pledge to the Special Fund virtually doubles last year's contribution.

Since its operations began in 1959, the Special Fund has approved 327 economic development projects in 118 countries and territories, calling for a total expenditure of \$672 million. Of this amount, the Special Fund is contributing \$283 million, the remainder being provided by the recipient countries. The Special Fund will meet again in January 1964 to consider and approve a series of new projects from among the more than 130 requests now being reviewed.

The Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance has already approved and is implementing a 1963-64 programme of assistance to more than 120 countries and territories, involving an expenditure of over \$110 million for the projects and administrative costs during the two years.