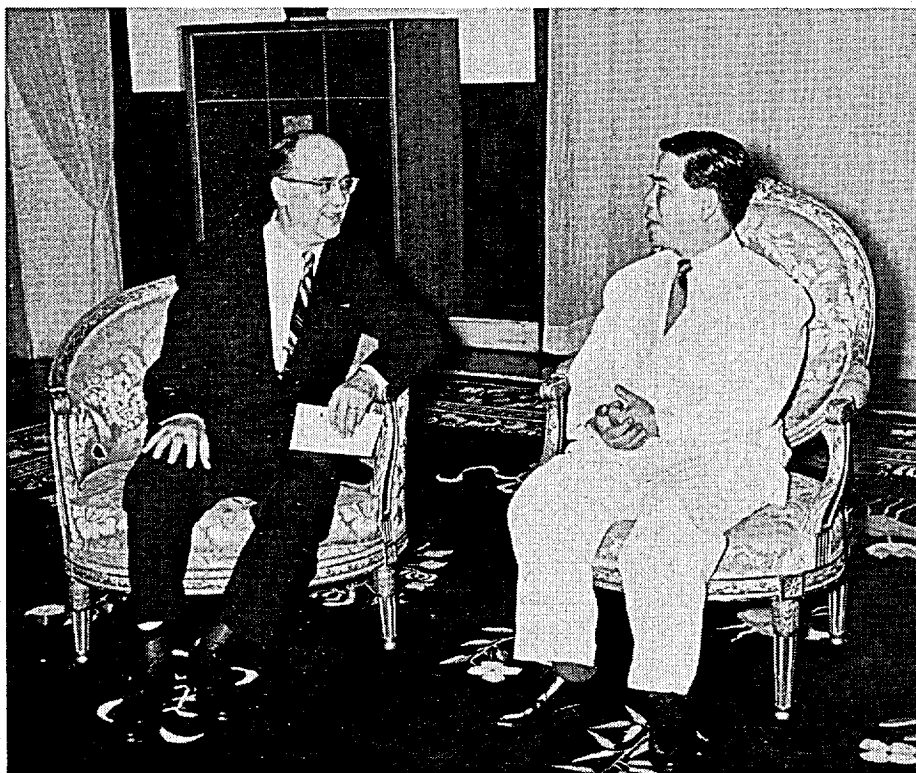


Colombo Plan Conference

THE Ninth Meeting of the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee was held in Saigon, Vietnam, from October 21 to 24, 1957. The Committee, which exercises general supervision over the Plan, is composed of representatives from the member countries who meet each year to consider the progress of economic development in South and South-East Asia and to exchange views on the operation of the Plan.

The newest member of the Commonwealth, the Federation of Malaya, was welcomed as a full member of the Colombo Plan. All member countries sent representatives to the Meeting. (The 18 member countries are Australia, Burma, Cambodia, Canada, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaya, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, The Philippines, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States and Vietnam). The Colombo Plan Bureau for Technical Co-operation and the Information Office, (both of which are located in Colombo), the United Nations Technical Assistance Board, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East were represented by observers.



VISIT IN SAIGON

Mr. William J. Browne, Minister without Portfolio, seen with President Diem of Vietnam. Mr. Browne represented Canada at the annual meeting of the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee held in Saigon.