

Canada's annual contribution to the Special Fund was increased last year to \$5 million. Canada has again pledged \$5 million for 1965.

The Expanded Programme for Technical Assistance (EPTA) is designed to provide experts, training facilities and technical knowledge to the less developed countries. In 1964 alone, over 2,500 experts were sent to assist 130 countries and territories and more than 3,000 fellowships were granted to the nationals of 150 countries and territories. Canada's contribution to the Expanded Programme serves to complement Canadian bilateral aid programmes such as that carried out under the Colombo Plan. EPTA has received increasing support over the years from members of the United Nations and is considered as one of its most effective activities. Canada has consistently been one of the leading supporters of the programme.

Canada has pledged \$2,325,000 to EPTA for 1965 as in 1963 and 1964. This represents approximately 4.16% of total contributions amounting to U.S. \$51.6 million. Canada ranks fifth in total contributions to the Special Fund and EPTA.