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\$35 MILLION FOR COLOMBO PLAN

Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker announced in the House of Commons October 22 that, subject to the approval of Parliament, Canada will contribute \$35 million to the Colombo Plan in 1958.

In his statement to the House, the Prime Minister said:

"For some years now the basic Canadian contribution to the Colombo Plan has stood at \$26.4 million. In order to meet certain additional expenditures in connection with the Warsak project in Pakistan and the Canada-India reactor, this amount was supplemented by a further \$8 million both this year and last. We have now decided to do away with this idea of a basic contribution to which additional amounts are added. We shall therefore seek the authority of Parliament to provide that the total vote for Canada's regular Colombo Plan programme be, as I stated a moment ago, \$35 million for this year.

"In connection with the expenditures being made thereunder we have agreed first to provide \$1 million worth of flour to the Government of Ceylon. The proceeds of the sale of this flour will be used by the Government of Ceylon for various development projects.

UNITED NATIONS DAY: Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker issued the following statement on the occasion of United Nations Day, October 24:

"October 24 is United Nations Day -- the twelfth anniversary of the ratification of the

"Second, the Government of Pakistan has drawn our attention to the very serious floods that occurred recently in west Pakistan and to the resulting need for good grains. We have therefore offered \$2 million worth of wheat to the Government of Pakistan out of Colombo Plan funds and the Government of Pakistan has indicated that this would be very welcome. This wheat will be shipped very shortly.

"In India we have proposed to the Government of that country that the balance of counterpart funds held by the Indian Government which have been created by the sale of Canadian commodities supplied under the Colombo Plan will be used to meet the further rupee costs of the Canada-India reactor. These counterpart funds amount to the equivalent of \$2,900,000.

"In connection with other proposals concerning the Colombo Plan programme they will be announced in due course after they have been discussed with the governments concerned. Might I add that later today the leader of the Canadian Delegation to the Colombo Plan Conference at Saigon, Hon. W.J. Browne, will be announcing in that country what I have stated here."

United Nations Charter and of the coming into being of the organization whose aims and ideals portray the kind of world for which we are striving.

"This anniversary gives me a welcome opportunity to express our appreciation to the United Nations for the part it has played in the development of the world."

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