

## *External Affairs in Parliament*

### **Colombo Plan Aid to Pakistan**

*The following statement was made to the House of Commons on April 27 by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green:*

... The House will be interested to know that under the 1959-60 Colombo Plan Capital Aid Programme, Canada has agreed to make available to Pakistan \$15 million, which will be used to provide Canadian commodities and equipment requested by the Pakistan Government, to help it carry forward its economic development plan. This \$15 million will be used for the following purposes:

\$3,730,000 for the provision of industrial metals, including tinplate, aluminum, steel and sheet metal, which are required to maintain a satisfactory level of industrial activity and employment in Pakistan's metal-working industries;

\$3,650,000 for the provision of wheat to meet food shortages;

\$3,010,000 for the provision of fertilizers, which will be used to help Pakistan meet one of its most urgent problems, the increased production of food;

\$60,000 to be used to carry out economic and engineering studies on a number of new capital projects which Pakistan has requested Canada to consider;

\$4,550,000 will be set aside for allocation to new projects which are under consideration at the present time.

In addition to these capital-aid allocations Canada is continuing its programme of technical co-operation in Pakistan as part of its over-all Colombo Plan programme for South and South-east Asia.

### **Succor for Iran Disaster Victims**

*On April 28, Mr. Nesbitt gave the House of Commons the following report on help provided to the earthquake victims in Iran by the Canadian Red Cross:*

Following the statement made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs on April 26 concerning the recent earthquake in Iran, Hon. Members will wish to know that on the recommendation of the Canadian Red Cross Society, a grant of \$100,000 has been made from the International Relief Fund to assist the unfortunate victims of the disaster. These funds are being sent by the Canadian Red Cross Society to the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva for the purchase of urgently required medicines and emergency supplies.

We are keeping in close touch with the situation in Iran through the Canadian representative in Tehran and with the Canadian Red Cross Society in case further assistance of this kind may prove appropriate.

### **Economic Assistance for Africa**

*Mr. Green's interim account on May 10 of discussions among the Commonwealth Prime Ministers assembled at London of an expanded programme of economic aid to the newly-established countries of Africa was as follows:*

I am sure all Members of the House will be pleased that at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London consideration is being given to the possibility of increasing