

worked out in the course of the year to make it possible to present the facts and figures about the United States aid in terms comparable with those used for other countries.

- Aid within the Region -

The Report underlines the fact that in a number of practical and technical skills, the countries of South and South-East Asia are now able to provide a high level of training for their own people. "It is a distinctive feature of the Colombo Plan that member countries which have good training facilities to offer are willing to make them available to others that still lack them. Under Colombo Plan technical co-operation - which means in every case that training is provided at the cost of the host government - India has already trained over 1,000 people from neighbouring Colombo Plan countries." Of the eleven countries which provided training facilities to their Colombo Plan partners in 1959-60, India comes fifth after the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada. Burma, Ceylon, the Federation of Malaya, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand also appear as 'donors' in this respect.

- Survey of Technical Facilities -

Impressed by the importance of obtaining full information on facilities available in South and South-East Asia for the training of technicians within the Region, the Council, with the prior approval of the Consultative Committee, invited the Ford Foundation to assist the Colombo Plan Bureau in the conduct of a survey. The Foundation acceded to this request and a survey will be conducted during 1960-61.

It is difficult to say, observes the Report, "whether the supply is meeting the demand when the demand is increasing all the time. The population figures for the area, show that the countries of the region already contain over 100 million more people than when the Plan was conceived in 1950. Whether this increase should be counted as additional pairs of hands to produce new wealth or merely as mouths to be fed and bodies to be kept alive depends upon the opportunities now being opened up for new development and upon the spread of technical skill to bring new resources into fruitful production. The Colombo Plan countries are working together to avert a tragic outcome to this unprecedented population increase. But only sustained effort can ensure that new development keeps a step ahead."