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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green announced today that Canada has sent a six-member medical team to Malaya under the Colombo Plan for a period of five years. The team assembled in Malaya on October 29th and will be based at the State Hospital in Penang.

The members of the Canadian medical team are:

Dr. J.D. Hermann, Ottawa (Surgeon and Team Leader)

Dr. Claude Vipond, Oshawa (Surgeon)

Dr. Guy Screech, Vancouver (Anaesthetist)

Dr. George Sloan, St. Thomas (General Duties)

Dr. Donald McLean, Winnipeg (General Duties)

Mrs. Margaret J. McSweyn, Vancouver (Operating  
Theatre Nurse)

This Colombo Plan project stems from a request by the Government of Malaya for Canadian assistance in meeting an acute shortage of doctors in the rural areas of Malaya. In response to this request, Dr. J.D. Hermann, a prominent Ottawa surgeon, was sent to Malaya to make an on-the-spot investigation and advise on what Canada might most usefully do to help Malaya in the medical field. As a result of Dr. Hermann's report, an offer to send a Canadian medical teaching team was made to

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