

TEN YEARS OF THE COLOMBO PLAN

The following message was broadcast by Prime Minister Diefenbaker on July 1:

"Today, Canadians are celebrating Dominion Day, and, as well, along with 21 other countries, are celebrating ten years of achievement under the Colombo Plan. It is symbolic that anniversaries of such significance to Canadians should occur on the same day. Both commemorate the initiation of great enterprises. Ninety-four years ago Canada became a nation in Confederation. Ten years ago Canada joined in a constructive plan of international action in keeping with mankind's wish for peace from destructive conflict and freedom from want.

"The Colombo Plan for Co-operative Economic Development in South and Southeast Asia is a unique expression of shared responsibility and willingness to join with brethren of all races and colours in solving human problems and human needs.

"The Colombo Plan was started in 1951 and had its beginnings in the immediate urgency that international action should be taken to meet the pressing economic problems in Southeast Asia, where one-quarter of the population of the world lives.

"Canadians are proud of the fact that the Commonwealth countries conceived the Colombo Plan and have played an effective role in its operations. That the Plan now extends beyond its original Commonwealth members and includes the United States, Japan and nearly all the countries of Southeast Asia is a tribute to the vital role Commonwealth countries continue to play in international affairs.

"International joint development is one of the most important advances of our time. Indeed, in my opinion, one of the greatest achievements in the operation of the Colombo Plan has been the growing understanding that all countries participating in the Plan have benefited thereby.

"Canadians have contributed financial assistance, materials and personal skills to the Plan. In return we have gained personally as well as materially from the opportunity of working with our Asian partners.

"The Colombo Plan has been, and I hope will continue to be, an outstanding example of partnership between nations."

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CANADIANS TO TRAIN GHANAIS

In response to a request from President Nkrumah of Ghana to Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker, the Canadian Government will provide up to 30 Canadian officers to assist in training the officer corps and technicians of the Ghanaian Armed Forces.

The Canadian "training team" will consist of officers chosen from the Canadian regular and militia forces. Those selected will be attached to the Ghanaian Military Academy, the Armed Forces Training Centre, the Medical Services and the Air Force for the purpose of training assistance.

ALLOCATION OF COSTS

While the Canadian Government will be responsible for the pay and allowances of these officers, the Government of Ghana will be responsible for the costs of moving them and their families to and from Ghana and for such additional allowances, quarters and services as may be agreed on between the two governments.

As part of this arrangement, the Government of Ghana has agreed that the Canadian personnel will not undertake any activity contrary to their oath of allegiance to the Queen and will not be involved directly in aid to the civil power or in any military operations outside Ghana.

A senior officer from the Department of National Defence familiar with the necessary regulations will be assigned to the Canadian High Commissioner's Office in Accra to help work out the terms of service and employment for the Canadians involved.

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U.S. EDITORS GOODWILL TOUR

The annual U.S. Editors' Goodwill Tour of Ontario, a government travel-promotion venture that has proved most effective through the years, was held during the month of June under the sponsorship of Travel and Publicity Minister Bryan L. Cathcart.

Twenty-eight U.S. newspaper editors, representatives of a corresponding number of state press associations, were guests of the Department of Travel and Publicity for 12 days and were taken during this time on a 2,000-mile tour of the province. Important features of this year's tour were a visit to Upper Canada Village, later opened officially by Premier Leslie M. Frost, and a drive along the full length of the Trans-Canada Highway stretch that skirts the north shore of Lake Superior.

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VOCATIONS FOR DISABLED WOMEN

Does vocational rehabilitation of the handicapped pay? This is one of the questions answered in the pamphlet "A Niche of Usefulness", which was released recently by the Department of Labour. The publication, prepared by the Women's Bureau, shows how handicapped women may learn to help themselves with the aid of vocational rehabilitation services in Canada.

Using statistics related to a study of 5,266 seriously disabled persons, the publication shows that, after securing rehabilitation services, the annual earnings of the group are around \$9,600,000. Before rehabilitation, the cost of annual maintenance for these people ran to \$3,900,000.

The pamphlet sketches the history of rehabilitation services in Canada, tells how the services are organized and how the individual woman may make use of them.