



LARGEST GROUP OF COLOMBO PLAN TRAINEES ARRIVES IN CANADA

Prior to the start of their training at the Laval University Agricultural School at Ste-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, Quebec, a party of 38 Colombo Plan Trainees, 37 from Vietnam and one from Laos, spent several days in Ottawa last month.

During their visit to the Canadian Parliament Buildings, the trainees were received by Hon. L. Rene Beaudoin, Speaker of the House of Commons. He is shown above (right) answering the questions of Phan Thank Nguyen, spokesman for the party (left). Standing at the rear are Nguyen Duy Lien, Counsellor of the Vietnamese Embassy, Washington, and Mr. R. G. Nik Cavell, head of Canada's Colombo Plan Administration.

These trainees, who represent the largest single group to come to Canada under Canada's Technical Co-operation Programme, will follow a 3½ months course in the operation, maintenance and repair of agricultural machinery.

Canada is in a particularly advantageous position among Colombo Plan countries since it is the only one which can offer extensive training facilities in the French language, the second language of the Vietnamese trainees.

not forget that the overall percentage of Chinese is 50.8, a potent factor which cannot be ignored in the aid or any other field.

Capital Projects

You might be interested to know how our technical assistance training fits in with our capital projects. Our cement plant in Pakistan which, you will remember, was built in Montreal, is now producing on an experimental basis. Pakistan has been unable to find sufficient personnel to run it and so we are finding some supervising people and helping under technical assistance to make sure that the plant does not break down from want of trained people. By the way, you might be interested to learn that the Pakistanis have called