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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MALAYAN INDEPENDENCE DAY ON AUGUST 31 WILL BE MARKED BY THE ATTENDANCE OF A CANADIAN DELEGATION, HEADED BY THE HONOURABLE J.M. MACDONNELL, M.C., M.P., AT THE MALAYAN CELEBRATIONS IN KUALA LUMPUR, BY THE PRESENTATION OF A NUMBER OF GIFTS TO MALAYA AND BY THE FIRING OF A 19-GUN ARTILLERY SALUTE IN OTTAWA.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS GIVING THE MALAYAN GOVERNMENT TWO WRITING DESKS AND CHAIRS FOR THE MEMBERS' WRITING ROOM IN THE NEW MALAYAN PARLIAMENT BUILDING, NOW BEING PLANNED. AT THE TIME OF THE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS IN KUALA LUMPUR, THE CANADIAN SPECIAL ENVOY WILL PRESENT A LIBRARY OF CANADIANA TO THE MALAYAN DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

THE CANADA COUNCIL WILL GRANT A \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP, PLUS TRAVEL ALLOWANCE, TENABLE FOR ONE YEAR, TO A MALAYAN SCHOLAR FOR GRADUATE STUDY, LOOKING TOWARDS A MASTER'S DEGREE, AT ANY CANADIAN UNIVERSITY IN ANY SUBJECT WITHIN THE FIELDS OF THE ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES. THIS \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE RENEWED FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR FOR EACH RECIPIENT. THE CANADA COUNCIL IS RESERVING \$2,000 A YEAR FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

THE SPECIAL ENVOY WILL ANNOUNCE THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO MAKE AVAILABLE SOME ITEMS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE COLOMBO PLAN, IN ADDITION TO THE VARIOUS ASSISTANCE PROJECTS - SUCH AS AN AERIAL SURVEY - WHICH ARE ALREADY UNDER WAY. MR. MACDONNELL WILL PRESENT \$600 WORTH OF TEXTBOOKS TO THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT KUALA LUMPUR AND WILL MAKE PUBLIC CANADA'S INTENTION TO PROVIDE \$3,000 WORTH OF SMALL TOOLS FOR ITS ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT. FIVE OF THE 15 CANADIAN EXPERTS WHO HAVE SERVED IN MALAYA UNDER THE COLOMBO PLAN HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. MR. MACDONNELL WILL ALSO ANNOUNCE THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED A MALAYAN REQUEST FOR TEXTBOOKS FOR THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT KUALA LUMPUR. A SUM OF \$5,000 HAS BEEN SET ASIDE TO FURNISH THESE BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY BEING ORGANIZED FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF CIVIL, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND ARCHITECTURE.

IN OTTAWA, WHERE A MALAYAN DELEGATION IS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE 14TH CONGRESS OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION, MALAYAN INDEPENDENCE DAY WILL ALSO BE MARKED. THE 30TH FIELD REGIMENT OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY WILL FIRE A 19-GUN ARTILLERY SALUTE FROM NEPEAN POINT AT 12.00 NOON ON AUGUST 31. IN ADDITION, A MALAYAN FLAG WILL BE FLOWN ON PARLIAMENT HILL ON THAT DAY.