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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today that a message has been received from Dr. Julian Huxley, Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, expressing pleasure at the work which is being accomplished by the Canadian Council for Reconstruction through UNESCO as a result of its recent national campaign for funds. The CCRU conducted the drive jointly with the United Nations Appeal for Children under the title of "The Canadian Appeal for Children"."

Among the Council's plans to assist in the reconstruction of war-devastated countries are the shipment of 650 tons of school supplies and the establishment of a number of fellowships to enable foreign students to study in Canada.

While in Europe on private business, Major Vincent Price of Toronto, Chairman of the Canadian Council for Reconstruction through UNESCO, visited Paris and gave the UNESCO Secretariat a report on the Canadian contribution. In his telegram, Dr. Huxley asked Mr. St. Laurent to transmit to the people of Canada "UNESCO's deep appreciation and whole hearted gratitude" for the "great Canadian contribution".

The CCRU was established in Toronto a year ago yesterday in response to an appeal by UNESCO and on the suggestion of the Department of External Affairs, at a meeting of more than fifty voluntary Canadian organizations. The Canadian Government made a grant of \$200,000 from the post-UNRRA fund to the Council prior to its public campaign early this year.