

would even say that we have studied it for too long—and we are now prepared to recommend the creation of the Canada Council to Parliament at its next regular session.

"We want this Council to be as independent as possible from the government. We are in favour of government support for the arts, the humanities and the social sciences but without government control. Moreover, we expect that, if the Council is constituted as an independent body, private individuals and industries will be disposed to make contributions to the financing of its activities because they also have responsibilities in this field. In order to achieve this objective, we will ask Parliament to approve an endowment of \$50 million for the Council in order to enable it to finance its activities from the annual income to be derived from the investment of that capital.

"We would also propose to add another function to those envisaged by the Massey Commission for the Council. It would consist of making capital grants to universities in Canada equal to 50 per cent of the cost of specific building or capital equipment projects, with appropriate regard to the population of each province. For that purpose, we would recommend another appropriation of \$50 million to be given to the Council and to be thus distributed by it over a period of ten years. According to reliable forecasts, it is estimated that our universities will have to devote more than \$350 million to capital expenditures during the next ten years and we feel that it is our duty to assist universities to meet this urgent need and to encourage others who may be also dependent on the services of university graduates to do likewise.

"We hope that this contribution of \$100 million to the Canada Council, the increase in the annual grants to universities and the continuation of our other programmes in the cultural fields will be viewed as a substantial recognition by the Canadian Government of the great contributions that our universities, our humanists, our scientists and our artists are making to the proper development of our great country. We do not consider for a moment that our assistance should be looked upon as the true measure of the value of all the immense services which are being provided through the universities or of the extent of their pressing needs. We are confident that all provincial governments will continue to increase the important contributions they are already making in these fields. We know also that individuals and private industry are well aware of the crucial problems that Canada has to face at this stage of our cultural development. Through the N.C.C.U. and the Canada Council, adequate channels will now be provided to make assistance available and through them we hope many others will find it convenient to do their share.

URGE AID TO EDUCATION: The Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario has called on all levels of government to support Canadian industry in financing the expansion of university facilities for adequate postgraduate training.

Dr. G.N. Patterson, Director of the University of Toronto Institute of Aerophysics, earlier had published a statement that he would not be able to accept even half the applicants for advanced studies this year. The Association said it based its stand on Dr. Patterson's statement.

The aircraft industry, Dr. Patterson said, should set up a building fund for the Institute of Aerophysics with an initial target of \$600,000 and subsequently \$100,000 a year. He had suggested this because he said most of the graduates found employment in the aircraft industry and in consideration of the financial support already received from the Defence Research Board and the Toronto University.

In the Association's statement, President Merritt W. Hotchkin said:

"The present grave situation as indicated by Dr. Patterson emphasizes the need for immediate action by the federal Government in helping Canadian industry to implement the recommendations made at the recent national manpower engineering conference at St. Andrew's, N.B."

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REPRESENTING CANADA: The Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, will represent Canada at the ministerial sessions of the eighth Colombo Plan Consultative Committee meeting which take place in Wellington, New Zealand December 4 to December 8.

Before and after the Colombo Plan conference Mr. Martin will be visiting the Philippines, Republic of Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, Singapore, the Federation of Malaya, Burma, Ceylon, India and Pakistan. He will discuss questions of mutual interest with government leaders in these countries in the fields particularly of international affairs, economic development and health and welfare.

Mr. Martin will be the first Canadian Cabinet Minister to visit the 150-odd Canadians who are serving on the three International Supervisory Commissions for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. He will represent the Government of Canada at the Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia on December 1.

The leader of the delegation of Canadian officials to the Colombo Plan meeting, Mr. R.G. Nik Cavell, will join Mr. Martin's party after the Wellington meetings for an inspection trip to several capital assistance projects in the various Colombo Plan countries. The preparatory work for the Colombo Plan Conference will be done by the officials who began these meetings in Wellington November 19.