

their own nation's development. While the Government believes in the freedom of a person to reside in the country of his choice provided he meets that country's requirements, the purpose of the student aid programme is to train people to contribute to their own country's development.

(c) Under revised Regulation 20 (b) Canadian citizens may sponsor the admission of close relatives, but this group now excludes brothers and sisters and the spouses and minor children of such brothers and sisters, who are included in the present Regulation 20 (c). The revised Regulation 20 (b) also does not permit permanent residents of Canada to sponsor these classes of close relatives, as does present Regulation 20 (c). This would restrict a large group of close relatives, some of whom, however, might be admissible under revised Regulation 20 (a).

(d) We have agreements with India, Pakistan and Ceylon giving them annual quotas of 300, 100 and 50 immigrants respectively. If a lesser number of immigrants should arrive in any one year under the provisions of the revised Regulations, the agreements could stand but would be meaningless. However, if more immigrants applied than are provided for, the agreements would probably have to be abrogated so as not to limit the immigrants to the set quotas which would then discriminate against these countries in relation to all other countries the citizens of which would be freely admissible as to numbers under revised Regulation 20 (a).

10. Revised Regulation 18 deals with the requirement of immigrant and non-immigrant visas, on which I should like to make the following observations:

11. Revised Regulation 18 (3) requires that every immigrant seeking to land in Canada shall be in possession of an immigrant visa; however, Regulation 18 (4) grants the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration discretion to exempt any group or class from this requirement.

12. I see no objection to these provisions provided the Minister will continue to exempt from the immigrant visa requirement the groups which are now exempt, namely British subjects by birth in the old Commonwealth countries, citizens of Ireland and France by birth in these countries, and citizens and permanent residents of the United States. If, however, the groups to be exempt from the immigrant visa requirement should exclude British subjects in any of the old Commonwealth countries, this would be undesirable from the point of view of our relations with these Commonwealth countries. We have no knowledge of Immigration's plans in this regard.

13. Revised Regulation 18 (5) provides that every non-immigrant must be in possession of a valid non-immigrant visa but revised Regulation 18 (6) provides that the Minister may exempt any group or class from this requirement. I see no objection to these provisions provided the Minister will exempt from the non-immigrant visa requirement the groups which are now exempt, namely British subjects and citizens of Commonwealth countries, citizens of Ireland and France, citizens and permanent residents of the United States, crewmen and members of the Armed Forces of NATO, natural-born citizens of Western Hemisphere countries, and citizens of any country coming to Canada from the United States. However, I believe there would be no political objection to Immigration's removing from this list the citizens of any country entering Canada from the United States since the requirement that these persons should have non-immigrant visas should not adversely affect our relations with the countries concerned. This would require, however, that our posts in the United States issue non-immigrant visas, which they do not do at present.

14. It may also be desirable, in the interests of fostering Commonwealth ties, to state explicitly in the Immigration Regulations that *all* British subjects and Commonwealth citizens (as well as citizens of the other countries now included) may enter Canada as non-immigrants without visas. (At the present time, only the old Commonwealth countries (as well as Ireland, France and the United States) are listed in the Immigration Regulations and citizens of other Commonwealth countries may enter without non-immigrant visas under a Ministerial