

CANADA PLEDGES AID INCREASE

The following statement was made on October 13 at the 1960 United Nations Pledging Conference by the Canadian representative, W.A. Irwin:

"A little over two weeks ago, in his address to the General Assembly, the Prime Minister of Canada... emphasized the importance which Canada attaches to the role of economic and technical assistance in today's dynamically changing world. He considered it imperative that assistance through United Nations' channels to the newly-emergent states, particularly those of Africa, should be increased, and pledged that Canada, for its part, would not only maintain the level of its contributions to the United Nations aid programmes but would make significant increases. The Canadian Government has also undertaken, and is maintaining, additional bilateral commitments under Commonwealth auspices respecting aid to Africa.

INCREASED FUNDS NEEDED

"It is clear that the funds available to the United Nations for economic and technical assistance must be substantially enlarged if the needs arising out of this year's dramatic expansion of the United Nations are to be met. It is equally clear that the requirements for economic aid in Latin America, the Middle East and South and Southeast Asia remain of the highest importance and that there must be no impairment of existing programmes in these areas.

"The United Nations Special Fund, established only two years ago to enable countries in the less-developed regions to undertake essential activities of a pre-investment nature, has, in the view of my Government, been brilliantly and creatively administered during the short span of its operation. My Government considers that the Special Fund fulfils a unique role in preparing the ground for private and public, national and international, capital investment... I have been authorized to inform the Conference that, subject to Parliamentary approval, the Government of Canada will this year contribute the sum of \$2,350,000 (U.S.) to the Special Fund-- an increase of \$350,000 over last year's contribution.

"It is no less essential, in the opinion of Canada, that adequate funds should be made available to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. This great co-operative programme, drawing upon the services of the Specialized Agencies and of member governments for the provision of experts and equipment, fellowships and scholarships under United Nations auspices, since 1950 has carried the major share of activities promoting the economic development of less-developed countries.

"I am authorized to state that my Government intends, subject to the approval of Parliament, to make available to the Expanded Programme the sum of \$2,150,000 (U.S.), an increase of \$150,000..."

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TENTH DECENNIAL CENSUS

It was recently announced that the Governor in Council had fixed June 1, 1961, as the day on which the next census should be taken in Canada, and that preparations for this tenth decennial census of Canada since Confederation were well advanced.

The results of this census will form the basis for the next re-distribution of membership in the House of Commons and, at the same time, will provide a valuable national inventory of the composition of Canada's population, on the types of homes in which they live, on the area of the agricultural holdings and the types of farming operations and on the size and nature of businesses conducted by trade and service establishments.

POPULATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The population census will, like its predecessors, involve such questions as the age, sex, marital status, birthplace, period of immigration, citizenship, origin, religion, language, mother tongue and education of each person. Economic characteristics will be obtained from persons 15 years of age and over

on such matters as occupation, industry, class of worker and salaries, wages and total income. Males 25 years of age and over will be questioned about any wartime service in the armed forces.

The housing census will be taken on the basis of every fifth household, as in 1951. This time, however, greater emphasis is being placed on the physical and structural characteristics of dwellings than in the preceding census. Inquiries will cover: type and condition of dwelling; tenure and length of residence; numbers of rooms and bedrooms; water supply; bath, toilet, and sewage facilities; home values, rents and mortgages; and such household facilities as heating equipment and type of fuel, refrigerators, freezers, television sets and automobiles.

AGRICULTURE CENSUS

The census of agriculture will collect detailed information on the operation of Canada's farms and small agricultural holdings. Inquiries will be included on sizes of farms, tenure, land use, crop acreages, numbers and kinds of livestock, numbers and types of farm machinery and equipment and farm