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CANADA'S NEW FRONTIERSMEN

Thirty Canadian graduates assembled at Macdonald College of McGill University, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, on July 9 for a one-month orientation programme to prepare them for service in various parts of Africa. The programme has been arranged by the Canadian University Service Overseas and is being financed by a special grant of \$10,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

The programme is being directed by Dr. C. Wayne Hall, Acting Director of the Institute of Education at Macdonald College, who served as a consultant on education to the Nigerian Government during 1960-61 under the Canadian External Aid Programme. He will be assisted by a number of African specialists, including Dr. L. Gray Cowan of Columbia University, New York, Dr. Ronald Cohen and Miss Sheila McDonough of McGill University, and Dr. Margaret Read of the University of London. The programme will include lectures, seminars, discussions and film shows. It is intended to provide information about social, economic and political aspects of life in various parts of Africa, with special reference to West Africa, and to prepare Canadian personnel for the adaptation which may be necessary in establishing friendly relations in the countries in which they will serve.

Participants are drawn from all parts of Canada and were selected from more than 200 applicants. Most of them will serve in Nigeria as teachers in secondary schools, and have been recruited by CUSO

at the request of the Nigerian Government. A few will serve in Ghana, Ethiopia and Northern Rhodesia.

FIRST SUCH PROGRAMME

Mr. Lewis Perinbam, Acting Executive Secretary of CUSO, has said that "this is the first orientation programme of its kind to be held in Canada for Canadians selected for overseas service." It was, he added "an attempt on the part of CUSO to ensure that Canadians were adequately prepared for overseas assignments". All participants had received reading lists and publications about the country in which they were to serve. Mr. Perinbam added that the response to the programme had been "overwhelming".

CUSO was established on June 6, 1961, as a national co-ordinating agency to develop and promote schemes to send young Canadians to serve abroad. It works closely with national and local organizations in Canada and provides liaison with governments, international agencies and other bodies overseas. The initiative for the establishment of CUSO came from the Canadian universities and several national organizations. It is at present administered by the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO; this responsibility will be transferred to the Canadian Universities Foundation from September 1, 1962.