

Children at the Afghan refugee camp in Peshawhar greet the Canadian minister.

Mr. Clark said that consultation at the senior level "will be a dynamic force in forging closer economic and industrial collaboration between our countries". He added that while it was essential to develop trade and expand development co-operation, it was also important "to strengthen the other ties — political, cultural, educational and tourism".

Visit to Pakistan

In Pakistan, December 19-22, Mr. Clark met with President Zia-ul-Haq and Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo to discuss international political and economic developments, as well as Canada's development assistance program.

Mr. Clark and the delegation visited a hydro project at Tarbela on the Indus River where Pakistani Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo inaugurated two major projects in the continuing hydro-generating development of the world's largest earth dam. Installation of two 175-megawatt generating units and a 500-kilovolt transmission line were completed this year with Canadian assistance.

At the inauguration ceremony, Mr. Clark said that "Canada has excellent human resources and expertise which can be of use to Pakistan's energy sector development". He continued: "Canadian business has always been well received and has had excellent experience in Pakistan. I am hopeful that it will become even more active and contribute another dimension to the traditional excellence of our relations."

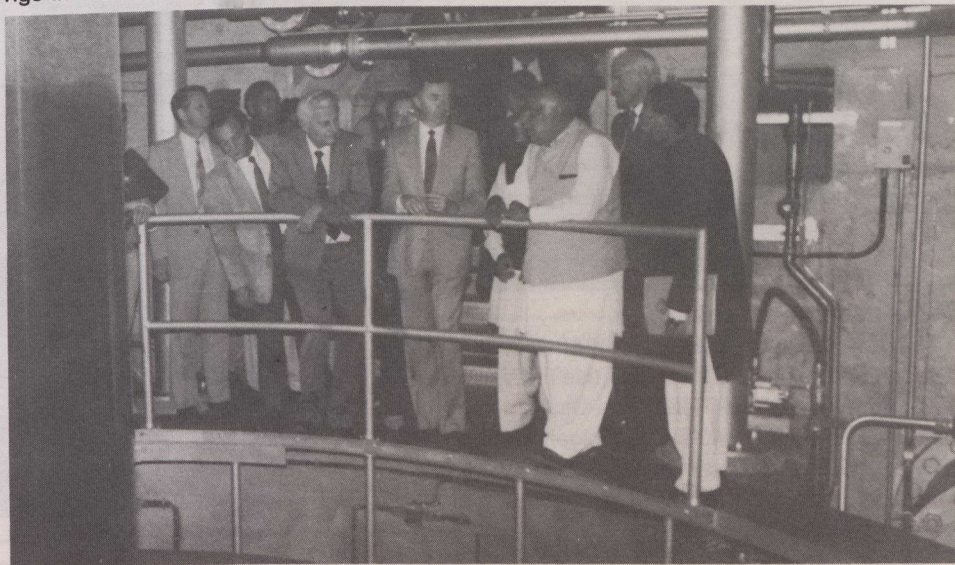
A tour of the Nasis Bagh Afghan refugee camp in Peshawhar was also made. Canada has sent more than \$80-million worth of wheat, cooking oil and financial assistance to the three million Afghan refugees in

camps in Pakistan's northwest frontier.

Six agreements covering more than \$93 million in development assistance projects in Pakistan were signed by the Secretary of State for External Affairs in Islamabad, Pakistan. Four are with the government of Pakistan and two are with United Nations agencies for social development projects. The funds will be provided by CIDA.

Tarbela hydro project

The agreements include \$52.5 million for irrigation and drainage in the Sind River valley, \$18 million for two more turbines for the Tarbela hydroelectric project, a \$19.5-million fund to improve the delivery of social services by the government of Pakistan and by Pakistani non-governmental organizations, and \$440 000 for maintenance and overhaul of four water drilling rigs in Baluchistan province.



The Canadian delegation toured Pakistan's Tarbela's hydroelectric project.

The \$52.5-million irrigation project in the Sind River valley is Canada's share of a \$744-million scheme to alleviate waterlogging and salinity and improve irrigation on 1.06 million hectares of farm land in Sind Province.

Development of the Tarbela power project has been a major factor in helping Pakistan meet its energy needs. The \$18-million agreement will pay for two new turbines — Units 11 and 12 — which will provide an additional 846 megawatts of generating capacity at Tarbela.

The \$19.5-million social sector line of credit will pay for goods, equipment and spare parts to improve energy and agriculture development, and establish a Small Project Technical Support Office to strengthen the planning capacity of non-governmental organizations and self-help groups.

UN projects

Canada will provide \$1 million to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control to help establish an economic environment in the District of Pakistan that will allow people to achieve an acceptable living standard without recourse to opium poppy production. The project will include women's welfare programs in 35 villages, 100 potable water schemes, mobile primary health-care facilities and construction of a maternity ward and a 20-bed women's ward in the district hospital.

The other UN project will provide \$1.84 million to the UN Development Program to help the Pakistan Federal Bureau of Statistics upgrade its program of household surveys.

In addition to signing the agreements, Mr. Clark announced that Canada's food aid support for Afghan refugees in Pakistan would remain at the same level as the previous year's. Last year Canada contributed \$14 million worth of canola oil and wheat for refugee support.