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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, urges Canadian youth to support the Young World Mobilization Appeal to be launched on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the FAO on October 16, 1965. Mr. Martin paid tribute to the many groups of young Canadians across the country who have taken the initiative to give effect to this Appeal which is intended primarily to draw the attention, enthusiasm and voluntary efforts of young people in developed countries to the problems of poverty, disease and ignorance in the developing countries of the world. The Appeal will last for 21 weeks and young people throughout the world will be asked to give 21 hours of their time to international development activities such as discussion groups, film showings, seminars as well as fund raisings, exchanges of books and participation in numerous aid projects.

Private and voluntary efforts by Canadians of the kind represented by the Young World Mobilization Appeal are a most significant supplement to Government programmes of assistance to developing countries. Mr. Martin noted in this connection that Canada's programme of assistance to developing countries increased rapidly in the last few years and the total Canadian aid effort including bilateral assistance, multilateral grants and export credits amounted to a total of \$226 million in 1964-65. Of this total, more than half was in the form of grant and interest free loans covering a wide range of activities such as technical, pre-investment and capital aid. Increasing emphasis has been placed on human resource development with the result that last year a record number of overseas

trainees were brought to Canada and the largest number yet of Canadian teachers and experts were sent abroad. Canada's bilateral aid is generally offered in the form of Canadian goods and services which Canada is economically, technically and culturally best able to provide. In particular, the Canadian food aid programme established by the Government two years ago continues to expand and a sizable portion of this programme is directed to multilateral aid schemes including the World Food Programme.

Economic assistance is becoming an increasingly important element in Canada's foreign policy and the Canadian aid effort. Our assistance programmes which are closely co-ordinated with those of other donor countries and international institutions, contribute to the establishment of conditions of economic stability essential to the maintenance of world peace and security. Further significant increases in Canada's aid effort are expected in the years ahead. The success of economic co-operation in the field of development between "have and have not" countries will also depend, of course, on the progress made by the developing world itself in marshalling its own economic and human resources in the most effective way possible.