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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE HOWARD GREEN, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A GROUP OF STUDENTS HAD BEGUN TO ARRIVE IN CANADA FROM THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC TO UNDERTAKE SCIENTIFIC STUDIES IN CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES.

MR. GREEN SAID THAT THE UAR GOVERNMENT HAD RECENTLY REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES IN FINDING PLACES FOR A NUMBER OF UAR STUDENTS IN CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES, FOR THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAD APPROACHED DR. H. H. SAUNDERSON, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, IN THIS MATTER AND, DESPITE THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR, THE RESPONSE OF THE NCCUC AND OF CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES HAD BEEN VERY FORTHCOMING. IN ORDER THAT THE STUDENTS BE ENABLED TO BEGIN THEIR STUDIES WITHOUT TOO MUCH DELAY, IT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY THAT A NCCUC TEAM SHOULD PROCEED TO CAIRO TO INTERVIEW THE CANDIDATES.

IN THE COURSE OF A FORTNIGHT'S STAY IN CAIRO, DR. T. H. MATTHEWS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NCCUC, AND DR. F. E. W. WETMORE, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ARTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, REVIEWED THE APPLICATIONS OF SOME FIFTY STUDENTS. DESPITE THE HIGHLY SPECIALIZED NATURE OF THE STUDIES INVOLVED, PLACES WERE FOUND FOR SIXTEEN OF THE CANDIDATES. THE STUDENTS, WHO ARE ALL AT THE POST-GRADUATE LEVEL, HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITIES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, ALBERTA,



SASKATCHEWAN, AND MANITOBA, WESTERN UNIVERSITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, MACDONALD COLLEGE AND MCGILL UNIVERSITY. THEIR FIELDS OF STUDY INCLUDE PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, ELECTRICAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERING, METALLURGY, SOIL SCIENCE, SOIL CHEMISTRY AND BOTANY. ALL THEIR EXPENSES WILL BE PAID BY THE UAR GOVERNMENT. THESE STUDENTS, SOME ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR FAMILIES, HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO ARRIVE IN CANADA AND THE WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE HAS VOLUNTEERED TO MEET AND ASSIST THEM UPON ARRIVAL.

MR. GREEN SAID THAT HE WELCOMED THE UAR INITIATIVE IN SEEKING ADDITIONAL CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES, AND WAS MOST GRATIFIED THAT THE UAR REQUEST SHOULD HAVE BEEN MET SO PROMPTLY AND GENEROUSLY BY THE NCCUC AND CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES.