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CANADIAN HYDRO-ELECTRIC ENGINEER TO WARSAK

THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO HAS LOANED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA THE SERVICES OF ONE OF ITS SENIOR PLANTS SUPERINTENDENTS TO LEAD A SMALL TEAM OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC ENGINEERS WHO WILL SHORTLY VISIT PAKISTAN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COLOMBO PLAN.

MR. KENNETH S. GEMMEL OF HALEY S STATION, ONTARIO, WILL LEAVE CANADA ON NOVEMBER 16 TO ASSIST AND ADVISE PAKISTANI ENGINEERS IN THE INITIAL OPERATION OF THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PLANT AT WARSAK, TO WHICH CANADA HAS CONTRIBUTED DOLLARS 36.5 MILLION UNDER THE COLOMBO PLAN CAPITAL AID PROGRAMME. THE PROJECT IS LOCATED ON THE KABUL RIVER ABOUT 19 MILES NORTH-WEST OF PESHAWAR NEAR THE HISTORIC KHYBER PASS, AND IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN GENERATING POWER NEXT SPRING.

MR. GEMMEL ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AND ENLISTED IN THE ARMY IN 1915, SERVING WITH THE CANADIAN ENGINEERS BOTH IN CANADA AND OVERSEAS. DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR HE SERVED WITH THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE, RETIRING IN 1946 WITH THE RANK OF SQUADRON LEADER. HE HAS HAD MANY YEARS EXPERIENCE IN DIFFERENT CAPACITIES

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WITH THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO, WHICH HE JOINED IN 1919 AS AN ASSISTANT POWER PLANT OPERATOR. IN 1950 HE WAS APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POST OF PLANTS SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE OF FOUR HYDRAULIC GENERATING STATIONS IN THE RENFREW AREA OF NORTH-EAST ONTARIO. HIS LARGEST PLANT IS CHENEAUX, WHICH IS SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN THE WARSAK PLANT, AND WAS DESIGNED AND EQUIPPED BY THE SAME CANADIAN COMPANIES WHO DESIGNED AND EQUIPPED THE WARSAK PLANT.

MR. GEMMEL AND HIS TEAM EXPECT TO REMAIN IN PAKISTAN FOR ABOUT A YEAR.