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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that Mr. Philip Stuchen of the Department of Trade and Commerce in Ottawa, is being sent to Malaya under the Colombo Plan to act as Industrial Development Adviser to the Government of Malaya.

Mr. Stuchen is at present Special Adviser in the Economics Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce in Ottawa. At the request of the Government of Malaya his services are being provided as part of Canada's technical assistance program under the Colombo Plan. Among other duties, he will make a survey and advise the Government of Malaya on possible industries which might be economically established in that country.

Mr. Stuchen will be leaving for Malaya on February 24th. The initial period of his assignment will be six months.

Biographical notes on Mr. Stuchen are attached.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE - PHILIP STUCHEN

Mr. Philip Stuchen has been with the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce during the past twelve years. As Special Adviser in the Economics Branch of that Department he has been concerned with trends in Canadian labour, employment and industrial development matters.

Mr. Stuchen served a fifteen-month assignment in Ghana under the auspices of the United Nations, from June, 1958 to September 1959 as Economic Adviser to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Accra. More particularly, his duties were concerned with assessing new development projects on-the-spot and industrial offers from outside in connection with the industrialization program being given special emphasis under Ghana's Second Development Plan (1959-1964).

Mr. Stuchen has had other international assignments, one of which took him to Indo-China as a member of the Canadian Delegation to the International Truce Commission in Vietnam during 1955-1956. Immediately following this tour, he was attached to the Office of the Canadian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong for some months, from where he visited South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia preparing a detailed study on the trade possibilities and industrial development trends in those three countries.

Immediately prior to going to Ghana, Mr. Stuchen had been a member of the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations Economic and Social Council meeting in New York during April - May 1958. He had also served in Germany as an administrative field officer under UNRRA auspices for eighteen months in 1945-46.

A native of Gananoque, Ontario, Mr. Stuchen attended Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, from where he took his Bachelor of Arts (1932) and Master of Arts (1934) degrees in Political Science. Before his present and previous attachments to the Department of Trade and Commerce, he had been a member of the Department of Labour for a period of eight years in several capacities.