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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S STATEMENT ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

As many of you already know, the Technical Assistance Mission to Bolivia left this morning for La Paz. This is one of the largest and most comprehensive Missions we have ever sent out. It is composed of 13 experts from 11 different countries.

We have several other Missions in the field.

The Mission to Ecuador is advising on organization of public finance, fiscal administration, civil service, customs administration, and planning of the 1950 census.

The Mission to Chile is advising on financial and commercial policy to be followed for economic development programs.

The Mission to Haiti is advising on soil utilization and on fisheries, and will probably extend its advice to other fields.

The Mission to Mexico is advising on the improvement of the country's iron and steel industry.

A statistical expert, Dr. Abraham Aidenoff, is leaving today for Pakistan, Burma and Thailand to advise on the organization of statistical services in those countries.

Tomorrow, Dr. Rosenberg of the UN Secretariat is leaving for Indonesia, where he will be joined by other experts in a preliminary exploratory mission.

We have received a number of applications from Governments for technical assistance fellowships and it is planned to award about 100 of these fellowships in 1950.

All these Missions and fellowships are part of the current UN Technical Assistance Program which is financed out of the ordinary United Nations budget. The expanded program will be financed with the voluntary contributions to be made available by the Governments participating in the Technical Assistance Conference that will open at Lake Success on 16 May.

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