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Santa Claus To The World's Children

By A Staff Reporter

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Mr. Labouisse joined UNICEF only in March last year after a distinguished career in the U.S. Civil Service and work with several international organisations. But within this short duration he has been able to implement programme for expansion of its activities particularly in developing countries.

UNICEF's total income has gone up by \$3 million to \$36 million this year. Mr. Labouisse is, of course, not content with this; he has fixed a target of \$50 million by 1969.

He is a greedy man, one may say, but he does not mind being thus labelled, for he is a man working for a good cause.

He has asked the Executive Board of UNICEF to appeal to member Governments to increase their contributions.

More Funds

"Eighty per cent. of our funds come from Governments and the rest from the private sector," he said in an interview in New Delhi on Wednesday.

UNICEF is unique among international organisations in that contributions by Governments and individuals are entirely voluntary.

"No, we are not cramped by limitations of finance," he said, "but if we have more funds we can spend them usefully and without any administrative difficulty."

India is the largest single beneficiary of UNICEF assistance which totalled \$6 million this year, including \$2 million for programme of applied nutrition.

"We don't run any project ourselves," Mr. Labouisse said. "We only assist them with funds, equipment and vehicles."

In India UNICEF has assisted projects of health and medical education and child feedings, safe water supply in selected areas, milk conservation, vocational training for boys and girls, and rehabilitation of physically handicapped and blind children.

It has given help in programmes of eradication of malaria and control of smallpox, tuberculosis, goitre, trachoma and leprosy.

UNICEF aims at long-term projects designed to protect the child against hunger, disease and neglect and help its mental and physical development so that it can play a more effective role in society when it grows up.

But UNICEF also sponsors certain short-term projects like supply of skimmed milk powder to needy children. During his three-week visit, Mr. Labouisse will see how UNICEF can help India in its present situation.

First Visit

This is Mr. Labouisse's first visit to India. His scheduled trip in October last year had to be cancelled because of the Indo-Pakistani fighting and he returned home after visiting Thailand, Malaysia, Taiwan and the Philippines.

Mr. Labouisse, born in New Orleans, Louisiana (U.S.A.), started his career

istration, the forerunner of the Agency for International Development.

From 1954 to 1958 he was Director of U.N. relief work for Palestine refugees. In 1959 he was invited to serve as consultant to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. A year later he was special assistant to Mr. Dag Hammarskjold in mobilising experts for Congo. He became Executive Director of UNICEF on March 8, 1965.

Set up in 1946 for helping the child victims of the Second World War in Europe the organisation was converted in 1950 from emergency aid to programmes for children's welfare in developing countries. Three years later its name was shortened from United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund to United Nations Children's Fund though the abbreviation, UNICEF, remains.

Mrs. Labouisse, Eve Denise Curie, daughter of Pierre and Marie Curie, discoverers of radium, is a lecturer and author. Does she assist him in his work in UNICEF? I asked. "Yes by being an understanding, able and intelligent wife," remarked Mr. Labouisse.

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Later he was appointed Director of the International Co-operation Admin-

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