

the world of the material suffering still being experienced by many refugees. The stimulus that World Refugee Year has given to governments, voluntary agencies and the general public to continue their efforts in helping to find permanent solutions to the refugee problem will undoubtedly assist the High Commissioner in continuing his work for refugees.

A great deal of credit for the success of World Refugee Year must go to the High Commissioner for Refugees. In concluding his period of service as High Commissioner, Dr. Lindt may take justifiable satisfaction in his accomplishments. I wish, on behalf of the Canadian Government and people, to congratulate him on his achievements and to thank him for his tireless efforts in meeting his immense responsibilities.

Canada welcomed the opportunity to participate in World Refugee Year. Even prior to World Refugee Year, Canada had been maintaining a large programme of refugee resettlement within the context of the normal Canadian immigration programme. In addition, Canada had been making annual contributions to the regular programmes of the United Nations refugee agencies in excess of two million dollars. Nevertheless, it was clear that special efforts were needed during World Refugee Year and the Canadian Government immediately considered what could be done to increase its support of the United Nations refugee programmes. For this purpose, special contributions were made which brought the total Canadian expenditure in support of these programmes in 1960 to close to \$4 million.

It was decided to waive Canada's immigration regulations to permit a substantial number of tuberculous refugees and their families to be admitted to Canada for treatment and rehabilitation. In accordance with that decision more than two hundred refugees afflicted with tuberculosis, along with about 350 dependents, have arrived in Canada from the European camps. Provincial governments co-operating in the project undertook to pay most of the cost of medical treatment and the Federal Government paid all other costs, including transportation to Canada and maintenance of their families until they were reasonably able to support themselves. The final cost of this programme cannot be predicted, but it is obvious that the Federal Government alone will