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vironment which will enable local groups and agencies to help the refugees integrate into Canadian society....

[The Government's] strategy for resettling refugees is based on the premise that a two-way adjustment between the refugee and the host community must be facilitated....

Federal services

First, there are direct programs and services provided and administered by the Government — such as transportation loans, the facilities at the two staging areas, and employment counselling, skills training and upgrading, and language training.

Second, there are the collaborative arrangements between Government and the private sector — programs such as the Immigrant Settlement and Adaptation Program and the Joint Assistance Program.... I have already asked my officials to review the Immigrant Settlement and Adaptation Program to determine how its usefulness could be broadened, ensuring that a complete range of services is available in every Canadian community where refugee resettlement is taking place.

The third group of services are those which the Government sets in motion at the community level. They are designed to encourage and assist private groups in their efforts to increase community awareness and understanding.... Included among these are the Indochinese Refugee Settlement Grants Program, and the extensive network of refugee liaison officers which we have established recently. These officers deal exclusively with the successful adaptation of refugees through liaison with ethnic, immigrant and refugee groups, private sponsors, and federal, provincial and municipal agencies....

There are now more than 7,000 indivi-

dual groups, representing many more thousands of individual Canadians, who have responded within the last year with such generosity and compassion to the opportunity for private refugee sponsorship. It is these groups and their individual members which provide the strength and drive which has made our Indochinese refugee program the largest, and undoubtedly the most successful, operation of this kind that Canada has ever undertaken. The challenge which "umbrella" organizations such as yours face now is to find ways to foster and encourage the ongoing commitment of all those individual Canadians....

News briefs

The first four recipients of the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Endowment Fund scholarships were honoured by Governor-General Edward Schreyer at a presentation ceremony held recently at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. The awards, applicable to the 1980-81 academic year and each worth \$4,000 plus transportation expenses, were granted for the first time under a new scholarship program for Canadian undergraduate students who wish to study in their second official language for one year. The program was established by the Canadian Government as a gift to the Queen on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee visit to Canada in October 1977. The winners of the 1980-81 scholarships were: Danielle Maltais of Chicoutimi, Quebec; Susan Ford of Oshawa, Ontario; Deidre Lynch of Delta, British Columbia; and Christophe Wilhelm of Regina, Saskatchewan.

The federal Farm Credit Corporation approved 5,698 loans for \$628.5 million in 1979. This amount is second only to the 1975-76 total of \$641 million and it is an increase of 275 loans and \$113.7 million over 1978-79. The average size of loan also rose from \$94,929 to \$110,298. This increase was largely attributed to the increasing costs faced by farmers in establishing and maintaining a viable enterprise.

New Brunswick's minimum wage, fixed at \$2.80 an hour since 1976, was raised to \$3.05 an hour, effective July 1. Provincial Labour Minister Mable DeWare says the increase will bring New Brunswick in line with minimum wage rates in neighbouring provinces.

Spending on mining exploration in British Columbia and the Yukon will

increase this year for the first time since 1972, said a spokesman for the British Columbia and Yukon Chamber of Mines. The forecast of \$125 million in expenditures for 1980 is 20 percent higher than in 1972 with inflation taken into account. A survey of intended exploration spending shows \$70.5 million will be spent on hardrock exploration in British Columbia and \$22.5 million on coal for a total of \$93 million, up 54.5 per cent from 1979. In the Yukon, hardrock exploration spending will reach \$29.2 million and coal exploration \$3.6 million, up 20.1 per cent from 1979.

The Ontario government recently opened two more trade offices in the United States. The offices in Dallas and Atlanta are staffed by specialists from the Ministry of Industry and Tourism who are exploring the southern areas of the U.S. as one of the largest untapped markets for the province's manufacturers. Territory covered by the two offices includes most of the southern U.S. states as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The province also has trade offices in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) and the Bank of Montreal has concluded a financing agreement to support the \$5.5-million (U.S.) sale of one Dash-7 aircraft by De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd., Downsview, Ontario, to Aerovias Nacionales de Honduras S.A. (ANHSA) of Honduras. The sale, which will generate 169 man-years of employment at de Havilland and five major Canadian suppliers, includes ground support equipment, spare parts and services. The aircraft will be used primarily on domestic routes within Honduras. De Havilland, wholly owned by the Canadian Government, also manufactures the Buffalo and the Twin Otter. EDC previously has financed sales by de Havilland to Kenya, Tunisia, the United States, the Yemen Arab Republic (North Yemen) and Zaire.

The New York Yankees baseball team, in an effort to show their appreciation for the support Canada has given the United States, held a "Salute to Canada Night" recently when the Yankees played the Toronto Blue Jays in New York. Ambassador to Iran Ken Taylor and five of the six Americans, who escaped from Iran, were on hand for pre-game ceremonies including a private dinner in the Great Moments Room of Yankee Stadium. Senator Keith Davey was the official Canadian Government representative.

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