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The Department of External Affairs announced today that at this afternoon's meeting of the United Nations Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds in New York the Canadian Delegation to the 10th Session of the General Assembly announced a Canadian contribution, subject to parliamentary approval, of \$500,000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) for the year July 1955 to June 1956. Of this sum, \$300,000 will be contributed in the form of wheat.

UNRWA was established by the General Assembly in 1949 to provide for the relief and resettlement of some 850,000 Palestinian Arabs rendered homeless as a result of hostilities in Palestine in 1948. In addition to its annual relief budget of approximately \$25,000,000, the Agency has a \$200 million long-range programme for the resettlement of these refugees. Last year the Assembly extended the mandate of the Agency for five years, ending June 30, 1960. The Canadian Government is the fourth largest contributor to UNRWA among non-Arab states, its past contributions totalling approximately \$4 million (U.S.).

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