

(Present criteria give no weight to the relative importance of posts and provide that the geographical distribution of posts should correspond roughly to the scale of assessments for the United Nations budget.) The Committee also decided, under the urgings of African and Asian Delegations that the emphasis of United Nations public information work should shift in favour of the economically less developed areas of the world.

Extra-Budgetary Funds

A number of special programmes, financed outside the regular assessed budget by voluntary contributions, have been established by the General Assembly to provide aid to children and refugees and technical and other assistance to member states. Canada's contributions to these programmes for the calendar years 1959, 1960 and 1961 are shown in the following table:

	1959	1960	1961 ¹
UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000 ²	\$ 650,000
UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)....	2,000,000 ³	1,500,000 ³	500,000
Programme of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) (formerly UNREF, the UN Refugee Fund)	290,000	290,000	290,000
UN Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (EPTA) ⁴	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,150,000
UN Special Fund ⁴	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,350,000

Following the practice of recent years, the fifteenth session of the Assembly held a special pledging conference for announcing contributions to EPTA. At the same conference members announced their contributions to the Special Fund which was established at the twelfth session and began operations in 1959. As at previous sessions, a separate conference was convened to announce pledges to the two refugee agencies, UNRWA and UNHCR. Pledges to UNRWA for 1961 were about the same as in 1960. Pledges to UNHCR, which in 1960 were up substantially largely as a result of the support of many countries for World Refugee Year (June 1959-June 1960), were not expected to reach the same level in 1961. Canada pledged \$290,000 to the UNHCR. In addition, Canada contributed to World Refugee Year by financing the transportation to Canada and treatment and maintenance where necessary of tuberculous refugees and their families. Up to March 31, 1961 Canada will have taken care of 826 refugees including 325 suffering from tuberculosis. A number of co-operating provinces volunteered to pay part or all of the medical costs; all other expenses are

¹ The 1961 contributions are subject to appropriation by Parliament.

² In addition, Canada donated milk powder to UNICEF in 1960 valued at approximately \$1.6 million.

³ Includes a special contribution of \$1.5 million in 1959 and \$1 million in 1960 for the purchase of wheat flour given to UNWRA.

⁴ Contributions stated in U.S. dollars.