

around the site and discussed the project with the Canadian and Pakistani engineers.

In tribute to the donor country the factory has been called the Maple Leaf Cement Plant and a large red maple leaf adorns all bags of cement produced by this industrial unit. The Maple Leaf Cement Plant has been in full production since March of this year, producing cement of a high quality.

Some technical difficulties were inevitably experienced in the construction of the plant but the Pakistani and Canadian engineers, and technicians working in close co-operation, were able to overcome all obstacles.

Since the cement plant was started, the P.I.D.C. have begun the construction of a large ammonium sulphate factory in an adjacent area which will go into production in 1957. A penicillin factory is also being built nearby. In three years, therefore, what was arid and unpromising ground has become the centre of an active industrial enterprise dedicated to the improvement of the Pakistan economy and the welfare of its people. Nearby the little village of Daudkhel (in translation, Village of David) has remained unchanged for many generations.

The Maple Leaf Cement Plant is an example of the type of project to which Canada is contributing under the Colombo Plan. Of the approximately \$163 million voted by Parliament for the Canadian contribution to the plan since its inception in 1950, more than \$146 million has already been allocated to projects in India, Pakistan and Ceylon. More than \$3,000,000, in addition, has been allocated to cover the costs of providing experts to give technical assistance in South and South-East Asia and to bring trainees from those countries to be trained in Canada. The balance of the sums voted by Parliament will be used for specific projects in India, Pakistan, Ceylon, and other countries in the Colombo Plan area.

IMMEDIATE AID FOR HUNGARIANS

It was announced December 6 that the Government had decided to allocate immediately \$250,000 to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and \$250,000 to the Canadian Red Cross Society, for assistance to the victims of the recent tragic events in Hungary. Both sums will be charged against the vote of \$1,000,000 recently approved for this purpose by the special session of Parliament. This allocation of half of the money voted by Parliament is without prejudice to the exact distribution of the remaining \$500,000, on which it was expected that a decision would be taken shortly.

In effect, this increases the amounts at present being made available to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and to the Canadian Red Cross Society to \$250,000 each instead of the amount of \$100,000 each originally announced by the Prime Minister last November 7.

The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mr. J. W. Pickersgill, had announced in the House of Commons November 28 that free passage to Canada would be extended to Hungarian refugees who wished to come to Canada. This policy, he said, would apply to those who had already arrived and to those en route.