

Extra-Budgetary Funds

The four programmes coming under the above heading, together with Canada's contributions to them for 1956, 1957 and 1958, are as follows:

	1956	1957	1958 ¹
U.N. Children's Fund	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000
U.N. Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance	1,800,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East ²	500,000	750,000 ³	500,000
U.N. Refugee Fund	125,000	200,000	200,000
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	\$3,075,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,350,000

On February 27, 1957, during the eleventh session of the General Assembly, it was agreed that for receiving voluntary pledges to U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and U.N. Refugee Fund (UNREF), an *ad hoc* Committee of the whole Assembly would be convened during the twelfth session.

When the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds it expressed the opinion that this new pledging procedure seemed to be more satisfactory than the old, and well worth continuing, although no significant increase in contributions had resulted. On the recommendations of the Negotiating Committee and of the Fifth Committee, the General Assembly passed a resolution providing for the convening of another *ad hoc* pledging conference of the whole Assembly at the thirteenth session of the Assembly in 1958, and for the continuance of the Negotiating Committee at its present strength of ten members, to serve from the end of the twelfth session to the close of the thirteenth session. Canada is a member of this Negotiating Committee. States which are not members of the United Nations, but are members of one or more of the Specialized Agencies, are invited to attend meetings of the *ad hoc* Committee for the purpose of announcing their pledges to the two refugee programmes.

At the eleventh session of the General Assembly opposition was raised to including the Children's Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in the joint pledging meetings of the *ad hoc* Committee of the whole. Consequently the pledging for these two funds is carried on as before, as separate programmes.

Administration

Joint Staff Pension Fund

During the twelfth session the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was added to the membership of the Fund, bringing to eight the total number of member organizations. They are the United Nations, ILO, FAO, UNESCO, WHO, ICAO, WMO and IAEA. The total active membership in the Fund on September 30, 1956 was 9,328, while 367 were receiving benefits as of that date.

The Fund once more showed substantial gains for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1956. The principal of the Fund increased by \$8.52 million,

¹These 1958 contributions are subject to the appropriation of the funds by Parliament.

²A further amount of \$1.50 million was provided in the 1957-58 fiscal year for the purchase of flour to be given to this Agency.

The 1957 contribution of \$750,000 was for a period of 18 months.