available places from the two most important Canadian airlines (Trans-Canada Airlines and Canadian Pacific Airlines) for an airlift of Hungarian refugees. In addition, berths for from three to four hundred people have been reserved on the ship "Arosa Star" leaving Bremerhaven for Canada next week-end. Furthermore, efforts are now being made in order that the Canadian immigration regulations will not be allowed to interfere with the speedy processing of applications for immigration to Canada. As of yesterday, 824 such applications had been received by Canadian authorities. These applications are being considered as expeditiously as possible and I am happy to say that a certain number of refugees have already arrived in Canada. In other words, we are doing all we can at the moment to take into Canada as rapidly as possible all those who wish to come to our land.

It is indeed imperative that everything should be done to relax normal immigration formalities so that the flow of refugees will not be stopped and so that as many cases as come along can be dealt with regardless of whether that involves exemption from requirements such as normal medical X-Rays and the filling of forms. Should certain refugees not be admissible by law, the Canadian Minister of Immigration has decided to use the powers that our Parliament has given him under the Immigration Act of Canada. We will therefore be prepared to accept anyone who wished to come to Canada if he is able to make the trip.

In conclusion, I should like to express the hope of my delegation that the efforts being made to alleviate the distress of the refugees will be pursued in such a manner as to ensure that fullest cooperation between the various organizations concerned in order that the best possible results may be achieved. In fact, I wish to emphasize the absolute necessity of concerted action so that our limited resources will not be strained and exhausted unnecessarily. We believe that the best way to proceed would be to channel our efforts through the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees.

I wish to assure you that the Government of Canada will continue to follow very closely the needs of Hungarian refugees. It will continue to give its strong support to the efforts of the High Commissioner for Refugees in easing the suffering and hardship of both the Hungarian and other refugees who come under his protection.