

- (b) To the 1959 budget of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.....\$ 500,000 in cash
1,500,000 in wheat flour
- (c) In addition, Canada contributed in 1959 the sum of \$60,000 to the Far Eastern project carried out jointly by the High Commissioner for Refugees and the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration. Under this programme refugees of European origin in China, many of whom have been refugees for close to 40 years, are being resettled elsewhere. This contribution was made in 1959 but was made applicable to the 1958 budget of the Far Eastern project.

In 1959, therefore, Canada contributed \$2,350,000 to regular budgets of programmes being carried out by the United Nations refugee agencies. Last winter Canada pledged a further \$290,000 to the 1960 regular budget of the High Commissioner for Refugees and \$500,000 in cash to the 1960 budget of UNRWA. In May last the Government announced a further contribution for 1960 of \$1,500,000 in wheat flour to UNRWA. I might add that the gift of wheat flour was not, as has been alleged, a gift which was forced upon a reluctant recipient. During his visit to Ottawa in March, the Director of UNRWA urgently requested a contribution of wheat flour to assist in the feeding of nearly one million Arab refugees and it was in response to this request that the grant of wheat flour was made.

It is well to keep in mind that, for the latest year for which complete figures are available, Canada was surpassed only by the United States in its contribution to the programme of the High Commissioner for Refugees and only by the United Kingdom and the United States in its contribution to UNRWA. Canada is the only middle power which contributes on this scale to these United Nations agencies. I sometimes hear statements to the effect that some other countries are doing more for refugees than Canada, but when the world-wide picture is considered, it is clear that Canada's support for refugees need not take second place to that of other powers, who often concentrate their efforts in one region.

Admission of Casual Refugees

Canada does not merely contribute money as part of its regular programme of assistance to refugees. I have been surprised to hear some people say that, prior to WRY, Canada did nothing to provide resettlement opportunities for refugees. For years Canada has admitted refugees from the European camps and many who were not actually in the camps. Since World War II it is estimated that more than 250,000 refugees have been admitted to Canada. It is difficult to give an accurate figure because Canada has followed the policy of admitting all new arrivals as immigrants without establishing a special category or label of "refugee". Very often