

Canada's 1965 Contribution to Refugee Finances

A CHEQUE for \$290,000 (Canadian), representing Canada's contribution for 1965 to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, was presented recently to the High Commissioner, Mr. Felix Schnyder, in Geneva by Mr. S. F. Rae, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the European Office of the United Nations and at present Chairman of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme. Accompanying Mr. Rae was Mr. Marvin Gelber, Member of Parliament, who was in Geneva as alternate Canadian representative to the thirty-ninth session of the UN Economic and Social Council.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees was established in 1951 as the successor to the International Refugee Organization. Its field of responsibility has gradually shifted from war-torn Europe to Africa, where the emergence of many newly-independent states has created many thousands of new refugees requiring international assistance. The funds allotted to refugees from Rwanda,



Mr. Rae (right) presents Canada's cheque to Mr. Schnyder (left), in the presence of Mr. Gelber (centre).