

\$2.5 million. Contributions are still being accepted through Post Office Box 1000, Station F, Toronto, or Post Office Box 200, Station H, Montreal, and I commend this appeal to Canadians who wish to make a direct contribution.

The World Health Organization is co-ordinating the provision of medical and other voluntary personnel for work within the refugee camps, with the Government of India, and has indicated that there is no present need for volunteers without experience of working in refugee camps. There is a continuing need for supplies and means of distribution.

To give a clear picture of Canada's involvement in the relief efforts, I am making available to the Committee tables giving a breakdown of aid to the refugees in India and to East Pakistan, at the Federal, Provincial and Voluntary Agency levels.

These events have created serious tension between India and Pakistan and have wider implications for the world community. The Prime Minister has had exchanges of view with both Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and President Yahya Khan on this subject. The Prime Minister also sent a message to President Yahya Khan pointing out the value of magnanimity and humanitarian considerations with respect to the trial of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. We have urged upon the Government of India the continuing need for patience in a situation of great tension and we have confidence that it will. Nevertheless, there is a danger that either party might find itself in a position where a resort to arms would seem to be its only course.

The Secretary General of the United Nations, U Thant, drew this danger to the attention of the Security Council in early July, but there was no inclination on the part of its members nor on the part of the countries most concerned to have the matter dealt with in that forum. More recently, the Secretary General has concentrated on the proposed stationing of representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on both sides of the border to facilitate and encourage the return of the refugees. The Government of Pakistan has agreed to accept the observers. The Indian Government has refused on the grounds that it was offering no impediment to any refugee who wished to return. The Canadian Government nevertheless supports the view of the Secretary General and hopes that some such suggestion might still be found acceptable. During the present session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Canada will try, in concert with others, to find a way to ease or contain the tension building up in the sub-continent. Resolutions of exhortation are not the answer, results are what counts.