

AID TO PALESTINE REFUGEES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Green, made the following statement to the House of Commons on May 9:

"...In response to an appeal by the Director of UNRWA, the Government has decided to make a grant of \$1.5 million worth of Canadian flour to the Agency to assist it in providing adequate supplies of food to the Palestine refugees being cared for in various Middle Eastern countries. The number of these refugees is now about 900,000. This gift is in addition to Canada's annual cash contribution to UNRWA of \$500,000.

In addition to the direct contribution this grant of flour will make to UNRWA's food supplies, it is hoped that, by releasing Agency funds which otherwise would have been spent on food, this grant will enable UNRWA to proceed with worth-while rehabilitation projects it has undertaken to improve the economic welfare of these refugees.

It is expected that this flour will be shipped in the near future. Provision will be made to finance this grant out of the 1960-61 supplementary estimates for the Department of External Affairs."

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PARIS DEBUT FOR ARCTIC CHAR

European gourmets will be introduced to an exclusive Canadian delicacy when Eskimo-caught Arctic char is served at a dinner for some 200 members of the French Nature Protection Society in Paris on May 28.

"This is the first step toward developing a European market for Arctic char," Northern Affairs Minister Alvin Hamilton said in announcing the first overseas shipment.

The Société Nationale de Protection de la Nature, which each year treats its members to a banquet composed of exotic and new dishes, ordered some 100 lbs. of char on the recommendation of George R. Clark, Deputy Minister of Fisheries. The char came from an Eskimo co-operative established last year on the George River in northern Quebec.

The trout-like northern fish is fast gaining acceptance as a gourmet dish. Introduced to southern markets in 1958 and now available at better restaurants in eastern Canada and the U.S., it was served to General de Gaulle at Government House during his recent state visit. Trans-Canada Airlines serves Arctic char on its Toronto-Vancouver and some other jet flights.

The Arctic-char fishing industry provides a much-needed cash income to Eskimos at Fro-fisher Bay and the Ungava Bay region. In 1959 more than 30,000 lbs. found their way to southern markets and a larger quantity is expected to be shipped out this summer.

The Northern Affairs Department hopes to induce Eskimos in other parts of the Arctic to

establish char fisheries where supplies permit. Although Arctic char is marketed as a high-quality product and will probably never be in great supply, it is conceivable that a much larger quantity than at present may eventually be shipped annually to the luxury markets of this continent and Europe.

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CBC WINS 11 U.S. AWARDS

The CBC remains the top North American television network in the production of cultural and public-service programmes and increases its lead in radio productions in this category.

The measure of success is the annual Ohio State Awards, highest prestige awards for such programmes in North America. In competition with the U.S. networks, the CBC won four first awards and three honorable mentions for television, and seven first awards, three honorable mentions and a special award for radio.

Twenty evaluation centres judged 321 TV entries and 281 radio entries for this competition. Awards were announced in Columbus, Ohio, at the recent four-day conference of the 30th Institute for Education by Radio-Television.

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SERVICEMEN TO INDOCHINA

Forty-six Canadian servicemen will be flown to Indochina this summer for a tour of duty with the military component of Canada's delegations in Vietnam and Cambodia. It will be the sixth rotation of soldiers to the peninsula since the first officers of the Canadian Army were sent there as observers in August 1954 -- a month after a conference at Geneva had set up the International Truce Supervisory Commissions. These bodies were composed of representatives of Canada, India and Poland.

All the officers (28 Army and 3 RCAF) and most of the 15 men will serve for about a year in the Far East. The majority of the personnel rotating will be transported by the RCAF on two round-trip flights beginning about the end of June. The remainder will be flown by commercial aircraft during the summer.

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PM TO VISIT PRESIDENT

Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced on May 9 that he had accepted a personal invitation from President Eisenhower to visit Washington, D.C., as his guest on June 3. The visit will provide the occasion for informal talks between the heads of government of the two countries, which are close neighbours and allies. Mr. Diefenbaker visited Washington briefly in the fall of 1957, after the visit to Canada of Her Majesty The Queen. President Eisenhower's last visit to Ottawa took place in July 1958.