

tional care, the health authorities of the province in which the immigrant will reside must give assurance that satisfactory arrangements have been made for acceptance and treatment of the member or members of the family suffering from such diseases. Although the Immigration Act prohibits the admission of persons suffering from infectious or contagious diseases, refugees who cannot comply with the health requirements may be granted admission for treatment.

(b) General Sponsorship

Any resident of Canada may apply for the admission of a refugee, whether friend or relative, residing in Austria, Germany or Italy. Approval is conditional upon the ability and understanding of the sponsor to provide satisfactory settlement arrangements, including employment where necessary. The sponsor must be a reliable person who will respect the conditions of his undertaking not to allow the refugee to become a public charge. The refugee must be of good character and meet the usual medical requirements, although sympathetic consideration is given in all cases except those involving insanity or a contagious disease.

(c) Voluntary Agency Sponsorship

Reputable voluntary agencies have also the privilege of sponsoring the admission of refugees from Europe. Recognized agencies are:

- The Canadian Christian Council for the Resettlement of Refugees,
- The Canadian Council of Churches,
- The Rural Settlement Society of Canada (Catholic Immigrant Services),
- The Canadian Jewish Congress,
- Jewish Immigrant Aid Services.

In addition, where these agencies are willing to accept full and continuing responsibility, the Department is prepared to admit ill or disabled refugees.

LEGAL STATUS OF REFUGEES

Canadian law applies equally to all residents of Canada, without regard to race, country or origin, or citizenship. By reason of the federal character of our Government, however, all residents are subject not only to federal law, but also the laws of the province in which they reside. No law, whether federal or provincial, sets down any rule of conduct which must be pursued by the newly-arrived resident because he is an immigrant, except that, under the Immigration Act, such person, during his first five years in Canada, is liable to deportation for serious causes. Thereafter, until he becomes a Canadian

citizen, he may be deported only for crimes against Canadian national security. Refugees in Canada have the same responsibilities and enjoy the same privileges as other immigrants and can acquire citizenship under the same conditions.

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CANADIAN HYDRO ENGINEER TO WARSAK

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario recently lent the Government of Canada one of its senior plant superintendents to lead a small team of hydro-electric engineers in a visit to Pakistan under the auspices of the Colombo Plan.

Mr. Kenneth S. Gemmel left Canada on November 16 to assist and advise Pakistani engineers in the initial operation of the hydro-electric power plant at Warsak, to which Canada has contributed \$36.5 million under the Colombo Plan capital aid programme. The project is located on the Kabul River about 19 miles Northwest of Peshawar near the historic Khyber Pass, and is expected to begin generating power next spring.

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NEW PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced, on November 18, the appointment of the following Members of the House of Commons as Parliamentary Secretaries:

To the Prime Minister:

Paul Martineau, Member for Pontiac-Temis-kaming

To the Minister of Finance:

Richard A. Bell, Member for Carleton.

To the Minister of Veterans Affairs:

Walter G. Dinsdale, Member for Brandon-Souris.

To the Minister of Transport:

Clayton W. Hodgson, Member for Victoria, Ontario.

To the Minister of National Defence:

Egan Chambers, Member for St. Lawrence-St. George.

To the Minister of Trade and Commerce:

John C. Pallett, Member for Peel.

To the Minister of Justice:

Thomas M. Bell, Member for Saint John-Albert.

To the Minister of National Revenue:

Marcel Lambert, Member for Edmonton West.

To the Minister of Agriculture:

L.E. Cardiff, Member for Huron.

To the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration:

John A. Charlton, Member for Brant-Haldemand.

To the Minister of Fisheries:

Roland L. English, Member for Gaspé.

To the Minister of Labour:

Richard D. Thrasher, Member for Essex South.