

Specialized Agencies to ensure that the total amount spent by governments is efficiently and economically used on tasks of the highest priority. Some progress towards closer integration has been achieved but it is believed that there is still room for greater budgetary co-ordination.

Cost of Operational Programmes

The administrative costs of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies are assessed against the member states; but other "operational" and special programmes depend on voluntary contributions. During 1954 and 1955, Canada made voluntary contributions totalling \$2,850,000 and \$3,125,000 respectively. These included:

	1954	1955
	\$	\$
U.N. Children's Fund	500,000	500,000
U.N. Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance	1,500,000	1,500,000
U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	500,000	500,000
U.N. Emergency Relief Programme in Korea	300,000	
U.N. Korean Reconstruction Agency		500,000
U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees for Subsistence relief for refugees of European origin in China	50,000	
U.N. Refugee Fund		125,000
Total	<u>\$2,850,000</u>	<u>\$3,125,000</u>

At the tenth session of the General Assembly, the Canadian Representative announced that the Canadian Government would contribute in 1956, subject to Parliamentary approval, \$1,800,000 to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance¹, \$650,000 to the Children's Fund², \$500,000 for Palestine Arab Refugees in the Near East³ and \$125,000 to the High Commissioner for Refugees⁴.

Examination of the Budgets for 1955 and 1956

The 1955 United Nations budget was given a relatively smooth passage by the ninth session in 1954. The estimates of expenditures submitted by the Secretary-General totalled \$46,821,300—some \$1,000,000 below the 1954 figure; this decrease was chiefly due to savings in staff costs as a result of a re-organization of the Secretariat.

The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, an expert committee which scrutinizes and reports on the budget prior to the session of the Assembly, recommended reductions in the Secretary-General's estimates totalling \$420,550. Most of these recommendations were acceptable to the Secretary-General. After various adjustments had been made, the final total of appropriations for 1955 was \$46,963,800. Supplementary estimates for 1954 were \$701,870; miscellaneous income was \$6,832,600; and surrendered appropriations were \$1,193,070; therefore the net figure which

¹See "Technical Assistance" above, pp. 38-39, and "Economic Development of Under-Developed Countries" above, p.36.

²See "Aid for Children (UNICEF)" above, pp. 45-46.

³See "Assistance to Palestine Arab Refugees (UNRWA)" above, pp. 44-45.

⁴See "Refugees" above, pp. 48-50.