

Canadian Government approved a contribution of \$290,000 Canadian, subject to Parliamentary approval, to the programmes of the High Commissioner for Refugees. The decision to continue its contribution at the increased level of \$290,000 Canadian to the High Commissioner's programmes signifies the interest of the Canadian Government in maintaining the accelerated camp-clearance programme of the High Commissioner. In addition to these two pledges, the Government has also signified its intention to ask Parliament for a further \$60,000 Canadian for the Inter-governmental Committee for European Migration for the purpose of assisting this organization, which works closely with the High Commissioner for Refugees, in its Far Eastern operation of assistance to refugees of European origin who are allowed to leave mainland China.

The Government of Canada welcomed the United Nations decision to designate June 1959 to June 1960 as World Refugee Year. Early this year the Canadian Government announced a special contribution of \$1.5 million worth of flour to the Palestine refugee agency as a token of its intention to participate in World Refugee Year. During the first days of this Assembly, the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada announced that the Canadian Government intended to make a special contribution during this year by waiving normal immigration requirements and admitting to Canada a substantial number of tubercular refugees and their families. For this programme the Canadian Government has already set aside the sum of \$750,000 for the initial year of the programme, and is also aware that there will be substantial expenditures in succeeding years before these families are completely rehabilitated. The Government of Canada intends to bear the costs of this programme together with provincial governments and voluntary organizations which may wish to participate in the programme, until all of the hundred tubercular refugees and their families are integrated into the national life of our country. The first group to be admitted under this special programme will arrive in Toronto on December 16, and a second group is expected to arrive on Christmas Eve.

The resolution designating World Refugee Year stressed that each country should determine its own way of participating in World Refugee Year. When the terms of the resolution were made known in Canada, the voluntary non-governmental organizations traditionally interested in refugees came together and formed the Canadian Committee for World Refugee Year. This organization was set up to co-ordinate the activities of close to forty national voluntary agencies in Canada. The Committee is organizing a national campaign for funds and hopes to make substantial contributions toward such refugee programmes as camp clearance in Europe, technical and vocational training for Arab refugees from Palestine, medical and other assistance to Chinese refugees in Hong Kong and the