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ETHIOPIAN FAMINE ASSISTANCE

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Major Dawit Wolde-Giorgis, head of Ethiopia's relief commission, said the assistance Canada has offered Ethiopia is insignificant when compared to its capacity to help at a news conference in Ottawa. He said he is encouraged by Canada's response to the famine and by government pledges that more will be done.

Kitchener-Waterloo Record Nov. 17/84

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Joe Clark announced the establishment of a \$50-million special fund for African drought aid. Much of the money will go toward relief work, and some will be spent on programs for averting future catastrophes. Part will be used to match funds raised by the public. NDP foreign affairs critic Pauline Jewitt called the government's actions "admirable" and praised Clark's attempt to co-ordinate the distribution of aid with other countries.

Whitehorse (Yukon) Star Nov. 7/84

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In his maiden speech to the UN General Assembly, Stephen Lewis made an impassioned plea for more western aid for Africa. He gave Canadian support to a draft declaration from Africa which addresses most key problems of the poorest countries, making Canada the first major Western country to support the declaration in its entirety.

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(by Sherri Barron)

Chris Liebich, a CIDA spokesperson, said Canada will not increase food shipments to Ethiopia this year because that country lacks unloading and distribution facilities. Liebich said the crisis in Ethiopia was anticipated and Canada has almost doubled aid to Ethiopia -- more than \$25 million of food for 1984-85 as compared to \$16.4 million last year. Canada is the biggest food aid donor to Ethiopia.

Edmonton Journal Nov. 28/84

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David MacDonald, emergency co-ordinator for African relief aid, announced the establishment of a coalition of national relief agencies to funnel aid to Ethiopia and other African countries. The coalition brings together private and government organizations to plan the distribution of a \$50 million relief fund established by the federal government.