

thank the Ontario government for their offer of co-operation in the transportation to Canada and reception here of Hungarian refugees. The federal government, as I announced publicly last Friday, has already organized an airlift through Trans-Canada Air Lines and Canadian Pacific Airlines and we are negotiating for additional air transport. We also have arranged for a ship to sail from Bremen next week end with about 300 refugees.

I am told it will be considerably more than 300.

Where help will be most urgently needed is in reception of Hungarians on arrival in Canada, shelter and care pending settlement and medical care for those who may require it. This last is particularly important in view of relaxation of normal medical examinations in Vienna. We will especially welcome co-operation of the Ontario government in these fields and you are invited to send a representative of your department to a conference in Ottawa tomorrow with my officials and the social agencies on these problems.

Before coming into the house this evening I was advised that the deputy minister of Mr. Nickle's department will be here tomorrow for that meeting. Up to now I myself have not made any specific approach to any provincial government with one exception. The premier of British Columbia called on me the other day about another matter and at that time I took advantage--perhaps that is the right term to use--of his visit to tell him that I was not only the superintendent general of Indian affairs but also the Minister of Immigration and that in that capacity I expected to present the provincial authorities and the local authorities in British Columbia with some problems that I hoped they would do their share to meet.

Mr. Bennett assured me---and he said I could say so publicly; otherwise I would not be saying it--that they would do their share. Personally I hope they will do a little more than their share because they are so obviously wealthier than any of the rest of us. But at least if they do their share it will be a great help.

In that connection I think, at the risk of seeming to be sentimental, I should like to tell the house of something that happened in Vancouver a week ago Saturday afternoon.