

Organization (which will end its activities on September 30, 1951) is taken into account. Canada's contribution will amount to \$2.6 million.¹

Operational Programmes

To these administrative expenditures which are provided for in the regular budgets (voted annually by the general conference of each organization) must be added the cost of a number of special programmes which are usually financed either by "operational" assessments or on a purely voluntary basis.

Of these, one of the most important has been the operational programme of the International Refugee Organization. During the first three years of IRO's operations (1947-1950), Canada contributed approximately \$16 million out of a total assessment of \$352 million. The final phase of IRO's activities for the period July 1, 1950, to September 30, 1951, will require a further \$42 million, of which Canada's share is \$1.8 million.

In addition to these funds, which are raised by assessment, Canada has also contributed on a purely voluntary basis to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. Up to April 1950, Canada's contributions to the Children's Fund amounted to more than \$6 million out of public funds and \$1.2 million from private donations. Total contributions and pledges by all member states were \$148 million (inclusive of \$31 million transferred from UNRRA surpluses).

Canada has also provided: supplies worth more than \$1 million for the \$36 million United Nations Programme for Relief of Palestine Refugees for the period December 1, 1948, to April 30, 1950; almost \$700,000 toward a \$54.9 million programme undertaken by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, which is carrying on the responsibilities of UNRPR during 1950-51; and a little more than \$800,000 to the \$20 million United Nations Technical Assistance Programme.

In all these voluntary activities sponsored by the United Nations, Canada has assumed its full share of responsibility; its participation in financial terms compares favourably with that of any other country.

Other Prospective Programmes

Canada has also been requested to play a part in a \$50 million programme (for 1951-52) intended to provide a long-term solution to the Palestine refugee problem, as well as in a \$250 million programme approved by the Fifth Session of the General Assembly for the relief and rehabilitation of Korea.

Financial Discussions During 1950

The concern expressed by many states over the increased costs of international activity has led to strong and sustained efforts in the United Nations and all the Agencies to stabilize their regular

¹Since the United States dollar is the basic unit of account for the United Nations and most of the Agencies, all figures in this article (and supporting tables) have been expressed in U.S. dollars. Where payments have been made in Canadian dollars or in other currencies, appropriate conversions have been made.