

for Palestine Refugees and the High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as of the Secretary General and his special representatives. I should like to take this occasion to place our appreciation for these efforts on record once more.

Ever since the United Nations began to work for the relief of refugees, the Government of Canada has voluntarily assumed special obligations to offer both financial assistance and possibilities for resettlement, demonstrating in this fashion its continuing interest in and sympathy for the refugee. I shall not speak of the refugee re-settlement programmes which Canada has undertaken because you will hear those details in the statement which we shall make this afternoon, but I shall try to give you some idea of what financial contributions--I think I can say generous contributions--we have made.

The Government of Canada has already announced its contribution of 500,000 Canadian dollars to the 1960 budget of UNRWA. This figure is the same as that for 1959. Canada will also make a further contribution for 1960 of 1,500,000 dollars in wheat flour.

As an additional and special contribution to UNRWA as part of the extra effort asked for in World Refugee Year, the Canadian Government is providing, over and above our regular grants, another \$1,500,000 worth of flour. This contribution was announced on June 30 last and the shipments should arrive in the Middle East during this present month. In this connection, we should like to point out that the amount of \$1,020,000 shown in the annual report of the Director of UNRWA (Document A/4478) as an "unpaid pledge" by Canada represents merely the value of shipments which had not been completed when that report was prepared.

As I have said, this is not a regular contribution but has a special significance. In the first place, it will help to feed close to one million Arab refugees. It will also provide UNRWA with the money, which would otherwise be spent by that agency on food purchases, to build, equip, staff and maintain for three years two vocational training institutes for young Arab refugees. These two schools, which will provide technical