

to other countries as well. In October 1964, the Prime Minister announced that Canada's contribution to UNICEF would be increased to \$1 million next year.

### *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) provides care, either under its mandate or through its good offices, for refugees rendered homeless as a result of wars and other conflicts. At present the Office provides help for refugees in Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa.

The Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme consists of representatives of 30 members of the United Nations or its Specialized Agencies who are elected by ECOSOC on the widest possible geographical basis from those states who have demonstrated interest in the solution of refugee problems. Canada has always been a member of the Executive Committee. The present High Commissioner is Mr. Félix Schnyder of Switzerland.

The total budget of the UNHCR for 1964 was just over \$3 million. Of this amount, a sum of \$660,000 was allocated to refugees in Europe, \$1,400,000 to Africa, \$550,000 to Latin America and slightly over \$400,000 to Asia. Canada pledged \$290,000 as its contribution to the UNHCR's programmes for 1964.

### *United Nations Relief and Works Agency*

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) was established by the General Assembly in 1949 to assist the Palestine Arabs who became refugees as a result of hostilities in Palestine in 1948. It is a special non-political agency, which, in co-operation with the "host" governments (Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United Arab Republic), provides basic rations, health and welfare services and shelter for many of the refugees as well as education and training. In June 1964, 1,246,585 refugees were registered with the Agency, which maintains a total of 54 camps.

The report of the Commissioner General, Dr. Laurence Michelmore, for 1963-64 proposed a future programme for the Agency to include the continuation of relief for needy refugees, but with greater flexibility in its provision, and the development and improvement as funds permit of UNRWA's services in the field of education and training. Since half the refugees are below the age of 18, education and training is an important