

Excluding IRO, the appropriations for the United Nations and Specialized Agencies rose from \$79.1 million for 1951 to \$82.8 million for 1952.

Canada's contribution to the administrative budgets of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies will amount to \$2.67 million for 1952 as compared with \$2.56 million for 1951 (again excluding the non-recurring appropriation for IRO).

Cost of Operational Programmes

To these administrative expenditures, which are voted in the regular budgets of the organizations, must be added the costs of the following operational programmes: (a) the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (UNKRA); (b) the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWAPR); (c) the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance; and (d) the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

Contributions to these programmes are voluntary. Early in its sixth session in 1951 the Assembly decided to repeat a procedure adopted in 1950 and establish a Negotiating Committee which would attempt to encourage wider financial support for these important activities. The 1951 Committee consisted of representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Canada, Uruguay, Pakistan and Lebanon. At a series of special meetings held during and after the Assembly session, the Negotiating Committee consulted with member and non-member governments on the amounts they would be willing to contribute to technical assistance, Korean reconstruction, and relief for Palestine refugees.

In all these voluntary activities sponsored by the United Nations Canada has assumed its full share of responsibility. In addition to its efforts as a member of the Negotiating Committee, its financial contributions compare favourably with those of other countries.

The Negotiating Committee was able to report that by the beginning of March 1952 pledges by governments for the Korean Reconstruction Agency had reached a total of \$206 million. This included \$(Canadian)7.25 million which Canada had pledged and paid early in 1951.

The Canadian Parliament has authorized a contribution of \$(Canadian)600,000 for the activities to June 30, 1953, of UNRWAPR. The Government has also announced its intention of asking Parliament to approve a further contribution "at a later stage if other countries with responsibilities similar to those of Canada contribute in like degree and if local conditions indicate that the operations of the Agency have a good chance of success". Canadian contributions for assistance to Palestine refugees, before the latest contribution is taken into account, have totalled \$2,440,929.

For the initial 18-month period of operation ending December 31, 1951, total contributions to the United Nations Expanded Technical Assistance Programme amounted to slightly more than \$20 million, including a contribution of \$(Canadian)850,000. In the