

but as men, as members of a common race with concern and compassion for our fellow men; a commitment from our nations and our peoples, not only to offer with humility, but to accept with dignity, that which is sincerely given — for, though it may be more blessed to give than to receive, it is often more difficult to receive than to give. But perhaps more than anything else, the ultimate conquest of mankind's historic enemy, hunger, demands an ultimate personal commitment from mankind's appointed leaders.

I therefore appeal to the political, economic and religious leaders of our several countries to reaffirm their personal dedication to eradicating hunger from the world. For it is these men, above all, who hold in their hands the real power to win man's ancient struggle for food. To have this power is to have the duty to use it. If our generation, at the most crucial moment in the memory of man, fails to win the war on hunger, much of the blame will be theirs before the bar of history. "We need only the will", said Kennedy. The will of mankind is manifest. Let the leaders of mankind pay heed. It is their great task, and ours, to translate into effective action the mute longing of inarticulate millions: freedom from hunger and want. Our ultimate goal must always be to give to every man the opportunity and freedom to live a full life upon this earth. Freedom from hunger must be the first step....

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The Canadian Government has duly noted the comments of the Commissioner General concerning the present financial situation of the Agency and, in the light of these observations and conscious of the appeal of Mr. Michelmore, will examine in a constructive spirit the question of its contribution.

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LONGER MANDATE DESIRABLE

The second issue concerns the renewal of UNRWA's mandate. As you are aware, the present mandate, which was renewed for one year only, will expire June 30, 1966. The Commissioner General, in his report, stresses the need for a longer mandate if he is to organize his programme of activities on a stable and economic basis. The Canadian Government agrees with the principle that a longer mandate, perhaps of three years, would greatly facilitate the organization of the Agency's work. My Government will give it all the attention it deserves while keeping in mind, of course, other proposals submitted in this debate.

In conclusion...allow me to quote the last paragraph of the text of the inscription on the plaque that was unveiled during the inaugural ceremony of the Vocational Training Centre at Siblin in 1962, for it expresses better than I could, not only the motives that inspired my statement, but also the fact that international co-operation, far from being a hollow term, constitutes a constructive reality:

"This inscription bears witness to the hope that co-operation and brotherhood between nations will continue to flourish and to faith that within these walls will be trained young men who will bring joy and pride to their families and by their devoted labour help to enrich the Arab world and all humanity."

...The inscription at the Vocational Training Centre at Siblin eloquently demonstrates that, in the search for a solution to the problem that faces us, if goodwill between nations exists and the desire for the brotherhood of man prevails, the co-operation between governments and private organizations permits us to envisage substantial progress towards assuring the well-being of the Palestine refugees. It is in this spirit that my Delegation proposes to follow the debate of our committee.