

I know the provincial Governments would listen to a request from the federal Government more than they would from some of us fellows in opposition here and in another place.

I happen to know a few European refugees who settled in and around Winnipeg after the Russians had overrun their countries a few years ago. One couple came from Germany, where the woman had been a dressmaker and the husband a tailor. When they arrived here a group of welfare workers in Winnipeg got the woman placed in a home as a domestic. Under the regulations she had to work as a domestic for one year, then she was free to take employment elsewhere. She is a very clever dress designer and is now operating a profitable dressmaking establishment in Winnipeg. There are many similar cases.

Hon. Mr. Horner: There has been an alarming shortage of farm help in this country and it has been almost an impossibility to get hired help on farms in Saskatchewan this fall and winter. Many farmers have moved into the city and have vacated comfortable farm homes. It may be that with financial assistance some of these Hungarian refugees could acquire a bit of stock and move onto these farms and start a new life in that way. I am sure that if there are any experienced farmers amongst these people they will have no difficulty in securing farm employment in the West. This may also be so in eastern Canada.

Hon. Mr. Howden: I believe it is one of the functions of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration to help place people like these. It is to my definite knowledge that the department has done a good job in settling many immigrants in Winnipeg and elsewhere in Manitoba, and I am quite sure that it could make satisfactory arrangements to place these unfortunate Hungarians in homes throughout Manitoba and other parts of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Gershaw: Honourable senators, I wonder if it would be feasible to have a part of this relief aid take the form of credits? I have in mind the use of some of our surplus food supplies. In the district from which I come there are large piles of wheat lying around in the open. I spoke to a farmer just a few days ago who said he had 200,000 bushels of wheat and his neighbour had 250,000 bushels, which they could not sell. It would be a great help to everybody if some of this food could be used for the relief of the Hungarian people.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators, first, with regard to the co-operation which

the Department of Citizenship and Immigration is receiving from the provincial Governments, may I say that I am sure that the Honourable Mr. Pickersgill and his officials welcome wholeheartedly any assistance and co-operation which may be received from any provincial Government in Canada. I recall, as the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig) said, that the Ontario Government has sent its Agent General in London, England, Major J. S. P. Armstrong, to Austria, and I noticed in the press today that the honourable Mr. Frost, Premier of Ontario, sent one of the members of the Legislature to Austria to assist. If other provinces would like to do so, I can assure the Leader of the Opposition that they will get all the help it is possible to give them from our Immigration Department in Vienna, and also that the department will welcome them.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Thank you.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: It may be possible to use a portion of this money to send supplies from Canada. The sum of \$800,000 will be used in the way which is deemed best, and the advice on that matter we will take from our Department of External Affairs, which is in close touch with the situation in Austria and in Hungary. I am sure that the Leader of the Opposition and others who have spoken will all feel confident that this money will be handled as quickly as possible for the relief of these people, and in the best manner possible.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Is there not an item there for one dollar?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Yes.

Hon. Mr. Haig: That is for the United Nations Police Force, is it not?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Yes; there are the two items.

Hon. Mr. Haig: I do not think some of our members understood that. I have had the advantage of seeing that and looking it over carefully.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I intended to say, and I thought I did say, that the bill covered the two items referred to in the Speech from the Throne, that is, \$1 million for Hungarian relief, and \$1 in connection with our contribution to the expenses of the United Nations Police Force—one dollar being voted because we do not know yet what the cost will be. It is included in the present grant of \$1 million for national defence, so \$1 will be added, making a total of \$1 million and one dollar.