

Refugee Year committee. During that week tag days and other methods of fund-raising were employed in aid of World Refugee Year.

The sum collected by these private groups, which has not yet been finally calculated, will be used in assisting programmes carried on by the High Commissioner for Refugees and UNRWA. Thirteen European camps have been adopted by name and will be closed by various local committees across Canada, using part of the "pledged" funds. The Canadian Committee also hopes to allocate a substantial sum towards building and maintaining for several years a vocational training centre for young Arab refugees in Syria. Part of the funds will also be used to assist Chinese refugees in Hong Kong.

Canadian schoolchildren, through the Junior Red Cross, have also been active during World Refugee Year and as the Secretary-General mentioned in his Report, they have been able to collect \$150,000 to help refugee children. Part of this money is to be used to provide two physio-therapists and a school teacher to serve in Hong Kong for the next two years. A part will be used to provide drugs and clothing to children in Greece and Indonesia and a part will help provide milk and protein supplements to refugee children in Tunisia and Morocco.

In carrying on the World Refugee Year campaign, Canadian committees and voluntary organizations received invaluable assistance and encouragement from the High Commissioner's Special Representative for World Refugee Year, who did much to create an awareness in Canada of the refugee problem. Because of his experience, he was also able to help organize the committees to get maximum effect from their efforts.

Mr. Chairman, I have dwelt on the role played by the voluntary groups of private citizens not merely because, in financial terms, they have contributed the most to World Refugee Year but because I think the part they have played represents a major advance for the United Nations and the high purpose of international co-operation which animates this organization. As a result of the general public's direct participation in this United Nations initiative, the lives of millions, both donors and beneficiaries, have been enriched by a closer sense of fellowship. I have no doubt that World Refugee Year has marked the beginning of a continuing and greater interest on the part of the general public in the humanitarian activities of the United Nations.