

OPERATION REFUGEE: A small group of RCAF officers and airmen dressed in "civvy" clothes have completed a mission to Austria in aid of Hungarian refugees.

Two big stake trucks and a massive semi-trailer loaded with clothing and food donated by members of the NATO Air Division in Europe travelled first to Camp Artiller Casern in Austria, where they were unloaded and the supplies distributed to Hungarian refugees being processed there before proceeding to Canada.

Corporal Nicholas Zomar of New Westminster, British Columbia, stationed at 3 Fighter Wing, Zweibrucken, Germany, acted as interpreter for the RCAF party. Of Hungarian descent, with relatives still in the strife-ridden country, Cpl Zomar volunteered his services when planning began for the mercy convoy.

Also in the convoy as distributors, handlers and drivers were Wing Commander T.S. Light of Leask, Saskatchewan, senior Protestant Chaplain of Canada's NATO Air Division, Squadron Leader William Lee of Hamilton, Ontario, Corporal Ron Meyers of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Corporal R.O. Thibault of Hull, Quebec, Corporal H.D. Laidlaw of Victoria, British Columbia, and Leading Aircraftman Raymond Stone of Windsor, Ontario.

After the 12 tons of supplies had been unloaded at Camp Artiller Casern, the trucks moved on to Vienna, where they had a rendezvous with RCAF Bristol transport planes flown from 30 Air Materiel Base at Langar, England.

Cargoes valued at close to \$20,000 included such items as babies' diapers and children's clothing, with thousands of blankets. These were purchased in Canada from proceeds of the Canadian Air Division's Hungarian Refugee Relief Fund, which totalled more than \$24,000.

While the seven-man RCAF team worked in Austria, another committee saw that more than 1,000 Hungarian refugees brought to Metz by the French army received clothing and comforts on an almost daily basis.

Under Wing Commander A.J.E. Leveque of St. Boniface, Manitoba, senior Roman Catholic Padre of the Air Division, this assistance will continue until the refugees have been processed and placed in jobs.

The Air Division Headquarters Protestant Chapel Guild, a small organization with only 40 members, has already contributed \$100 to buy such necessities as soap, razor blades and towels. The members of the Guild also knit and bought Christmas gifts for more than 30 children at the local refugee camp.

TO TRAIN GERMANS: The Federal Republic of Germany has concluded arrangements with the Government of Canada for the training in Canada of 360 aircrew to man a number of F86 Sabre aircraft which have been allotted to the Federal Republic under mutual aid arrangements and a further number of aircraft to be purchased in Canada.

The Federal Republic of Germany has agreed to reimburse the Canadian Government for the cost of maintaining the NATO air training establishment for an additional period of several months to complete the training of the German aircrew. The trainees are expected to commence training in Canada sometime in 1957 and it is anticipated that the training will be completed by approximately April 1959.

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96 RENTAL UNITS: Award of an \$831,683 contract for the construction of 96 semi-detached rental housing units in Windsor, Ontario, has been announced jointly by Federal Public Works Minister Robert Winters and the Hon. W.M. Nickle, Ontario Minister of Planning and Development.

The project, arranged under the terms of Section 36 of the National Housing Act and the Housing Development Act, Ontario, will be the third federal-provincial undertaking in the city. The first was a land assembly project which involved the development of 325 residential lots and four blocks of land. The lots were subsequently utilized for 325 full recovery rental units in a second federal-provincial project. This third development will be constructed on the remaining four blocks of land.

The cost of the new project will be borne on a 75-25 basis by the Federal and Provincial Governments respectively. Units in the project will contain three bedrooms and the average rental is estimated at \$74 per month. The units will be rented to tenants whose family incomes are not less than four times, and not more than five times the average rent. The estimated rental will be sufficient to amortize the cost of the project over a period of 50 years and pay the full operating expenses. Tenants will be allowed to remain in the project until their family incomes reach a maximum of six times the average rental.

Construction will be under the supervision of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and when completed the project will be administered by the Windsor Housing Authority.