

that the Committee on Contributions grant, "at the discretion of that Committee", requests from a member state for "pertinent" information as to the basis of its recommended assessment.

### Extra-Budgetary Funds

A number of special programmes, financed outside the regular assessed budget by voluntary contributions, have been established by the General Assembly to provide aid to children and refugees and technical and other assistance to member states. Canada's contributions to these programmes for 1958, 1959 and 1960 were as follows:

		1958	1959	1960 <sup>1</sup>
UN	Children's Fund (UNICEF)	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000
UN	Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)	2,000,000 <sup>2</sup>	2,000,000 <sup>2</sup>	500,000
	Programme of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) (formerly UNREF, the UN Refugee Fund)	200,000	290,000	290,000
UN	Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (EPTA) <sup>3</sup>	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
UN	Special Fund <sup>3</sup>	—	2,000,000	2,000,000

Following the practice of recent years, the fourteenth session of the Assembly held a special pledging conference for announcing contributions to EPTA. At the same conference members announced their contributions to the Special Fund which was established at the twelfth session and began operations in 1959. As at the two previous sessions, a separate conference was convened to announce pledges to the two refugee agencies, UNRWA and the UNHCR. When placed on a comparable basis, pledges to UNRWA were about the same as in 1959. Pledges to the UNHCR were up substantially largely as a result of the support of many countries for World Refugee Year (June 1959-June 1960). Canada pledged \$290,000 to the UNHCR. In addition, Canada is contributing to World Refugee Year by financing the transportation to Canada and treatment and maintenance, where necessary, of more than 100 tuberculous refugees and their families. A number of co-operating provinces have volunteered to pay part or all of the medical costs of the project. All other expenses are the responsibility of the Federal Government. The estimated cost of this programme to the Federal Government to the end of 1960 is \$600,000.

The Assembly also considered the report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds which assists in obtaining pledges of voluntary contributions for these Funds. It adopted unanimously a draft resolution sponsored by Canada which provided for the convening of an *ad hoc* pledging conference on the refugee programmes at the fourteenth session, to be scheduled so that no other meetings were held at the same time. In

<sup>1</sup> These 1960 contributions are subject to appropriation by Parliament.

<sup>2</sup> Includes a special contribution of \$1.5 million for the purchase of wheat flour given to UNRWA.

<sup>3</sup> Contributions stated in U.S. funds.