

honourable senator from Blaine Lake (Hon. Mr. Horner), that some of this money had already got into the hands of the Hungarian Government.

Hon. Mr. Horner: Yes. I was quoting from a statement in the press.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I repeat that the Government is making sure that none of this money shall pass into the hands of the Hungarian Government. All of it will be used for the benefit of the refugees.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Can the honourable leader estimate how much money has already been forwarded for distribution?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I do not know, but it is possible that \$200,000 or a portion of that sum has already gone forward.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: The reason I asked that question is that the need appears to be very urgent, and as I am in favour of the appropriation of the amount mentioned for purposes of relief, I am anxious that it shall be used as soon as possible. Winter is coming along, and these people will need food and clothing at an early date.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I quite agree with what the honourable senator from Rosetown (Mr. Aseltine), has said; and it is my impression that a part of the \$200,000 has already been advanced.

Hon. Mr. Davies: I noted in today's papers that the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration is going to Austria to see about the migration of refugees to this country. Has the honourable Leader of the Government (Mr. Macdonald), any idea of the number of refugees who have already signified a desire to come to Canada?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I was speaking to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration just before I came into the chamber. He expects to leave for Austria tomorrow morning. We have no estimate which we regard as accurate as to the number who may come to this country. They will declare their intentions while they are in Austria. All I can say is that we are doing everything in our power to assist those who want to come to Canada to do so.

Hon. Mr. Davies: Where will they go when they get here? Will there be hostels ready to receive them?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: We have some hostels ready and we hope that Hungarian descendants living in Canada, and Canadians generally, will receive some of these people in their own homes, if necessary. The Department of Citizenship and Immigration has already been in touch with the National

Employment Service of the Department of Labour to ascertain where jobs will be available. Everything that we can think of which might be of assistance to these immigrants is being done. We are doing everything possible to see that they are supplied with accommodation and placed in jobs as soon as they arrive in this country. However, I should point out that the people of Canada will be given every opportunity to put into action what they have said about welcoming these unfortunate people to our country. How these people will get along in Canada will depend to a very large extent on the manner in which Canadians generally receive them.

Hon. John T. Haig: Honourable senators, I have read in the press that the Government is hopeful Canadians will open their homes to these Hungarians. I also heard that many who are willing to accept these refugees are not in a position to do so financially, and that the Government, after sufficient investigation, intends to advance moneys to defray some of this expense. That is all to the good.

Apparently Ontario is the only province which is taking active steps to sponsor these Hungarians in Canada. The Ontario Government has sent one of its officers, who is of Hungarian descent, to meet these people in Europe and to encourage them to settle in Ontario. I am wondering whether the federal Government would not endeavour to induce the other provincial Governments to do the same.

I can well imagine that refugee immigrants would be rather bewildered as to what part of the country to go to. For instance, if I were to emigrate to Austria I would not know where to settle there. On the other hand, if I were to meet these Hungarians in Europe I could outline the employment situation in Manitoba and I could tell them what qualifications they needed for various jobs. If there are any farmers amongst them I am sure they would be welcomed in Prairie farm homes.

I am sure everyone in Canada is in favour of our action in authorizing this relief for the victims of the recent tragic events in Hungary. We all admire the heroism displayed by the Hungarian people in their vicious struggle against their oppressors, and we are only too anxious to help them and to show the rest of the world that our hearts are in the right place.

I feel the Government is doing its best to aid these people, but I am wondering if it could not take the further step of urging the other provincial Governments to do something about placing these refugees in jobs.