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The Department of External Affairs released for publication on July 1, the second anniversary of the founding of the International Refugee Organization, a letter of congratulation addressed to the Director-General of IRO by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Following is the text of this letter:

"Dear Mr. Tuck:

"I should like to take this occasion--the second anniversary of the International Refugee Organization--to congratulate you and your staff on the splendid humanitarian task you have accomplished in that short period.

"I am informed that IRO has given material assistance to more than one million persons--the uprooted of two World Wars--and has transported more than 450,000 of them to new homes and futures around the world.

"Canada, as a member of IRO and the host to more than 60,000 of those refugee-immigrants, who now are contributing their efforts in every province of Canada, takes pride in her part in bringing about this outstanding accomplishment in the field of international co-operation.

"Canada will continue to support the Organization in every appropriate way in its efforts to bring this humanitarian work to a successful conclusion during the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

L.B. Pearson"