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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT CANADA IS MAKING AVAILABLE A LARGE QUANTITY OF DRY SKIMMED MILK FOR INTERNATIONAL RELIEF PURPOSES. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCUMULATED SOME 30,000,000 LBS. OF THIS PRODUCT UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAMME AND WILL OFFER SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES AS GIFTS TO AGENCIES FOR INTERNATIONAL RELIEF WHICH CARRY OUT LARGE-SCALE FEEDING PROGRAMMES FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN. ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH AGENCIES SUCH AS THE RED CROSS, THE UNITARIAN SERVICE AND THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF).

THE LARGEST SINGLE GIFT IS LIKELY TO BE MADE TO UNICEF WHICH DISTRIBUTES VERY LARGE QUANTITIES OF DRY SKIMMED MILK FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN IN COUNTRIES WHERE SUFFICIENT FRESH MILK IS UNOBTAINABLE. IN 1957, UNICEF ALLOCATED \$1,267,000 WORTH OF DRY SKIMMED MILK THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND THE CONSUMPTION FROM MID-1957 THROUGH MID-1958 IS ESTIMATED AT SOME 92 MILLION POUNDS. THE EXACT AMOUNT OF CANADIAN DRY SKIMMED MILK TO BE ALLOTTED TO UNICEF IN THE FORTHCOMING YEAR WILL BE DECIDED UPON AFTER ITS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS DURING MARCH AND ESTABLISHES ITS PROGRAMME FOR 1958.