

For the benefit of these refugees, or their surviving dependants, who would still not receive indemnification under the new arrangements, the German Federal Government and the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees have agreed on the establishment of a special fund. The German Federal Government will shortly place at the disposal of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees an amount of DM 45 million. Applications will be decided by a board, composed of representatives of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, refugee organizations and voluntary agencies working for refugees. Applications for grants in aid given by this fund will be considered on their individual merits, bearing in mind the present economic situation of the refugees who qualify, and the persecution suffered. The German Federal authorities for their part, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, are working out all practical details for the application of this agreement.

It is not likely that it will be possible to file applications under this agreement before the end of the year. In the meantime inquiries should be directed to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva.