

programme in 1959 of the High Commissioner for Refugees (\$290,000). In addition, we contributed \$60,000 to the Far Eastern Programme of the Inter-governmental Committee for European Migration - by which refugees of European origin are removed from China to new homes elsewhere. To these same programmes an amount of \$850,000 is pledged for 1960.

Although I believe that Canada's contribution to refugee assistance does not merit the criticism which it has received in certain quarters, I do not wish to give the impression that the Government is not concerned with the need to make special efforts to overcome the refugee problem. I am not in a position this evening to say what the Government may be able to do in future, but I can assure you that we shall do whatever we reasonably can to assist the refugee programmes in attaining their objectives.

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