



CANADA

CANADIAN WEEKLY BULLETIN

INFORMATION DIVISION • DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS • OTTAWA, CANADA

Vol. 15 No. 30

July 27, 1960

CONTENTS

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Stretching World Refugee Year | 1 |
| Nickel Production | 2 |
| Laurier House Dedicated | 3 |
| Canada-U.S. Defence Committee | 3 |
| Visit of Dr. Balke | 4 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Columbia River Negotiations | 4 |
| Wheat Committee | 4 |
| New Canada Council Members | 5 |
| Cadieux to New Post | 5 |
| Iron Ore Production | 6 |

STRETCHING WORLD REFUGEE YEAR

On July 15, the following letter, from Prime Minister Diefenbaker, replying to a Canadian Welfare Council brief recommending the extension of the World Refugee Year Programmes, was tabled in the House of Commons:

"My colleagues and I have had an opportunity to complete our consideration of the brief on the subject of refugees which your Council submitted to us on March 17, last.

"The results of our study and the decisions which have been reached with respect to the five recommendations contained in your presentation are enumerated below.

"Your Council recommended that the Government should extend beyond the end of World Refugee Year the programme allowing for private sponsorship of refugee families. You will recall that I announced in the House of Commons on March 17 last that the sponsorship arrangements relating to refugee families would be extended beyond the end of June 1960, the month in which World Refugee Year comes to an official end.

TO TAKE MORE REFUGEES

"Your Council recommended that the Government, in consultation with the provinces, should increase the number of refugee families admitted to Canada with one or more members suffering from tuberculosis, and that the programme connected with TB families should be extended beyond the end of World Refugee Year, if necessary, in order to carry out such arrangements. At the time your recommendation

was presented to the Government, it had already been announced that Canada was ready to admit one hundred TB cases from the refugee camps, together with any dependents they might have. Announcement has since been made of the decision to admit a further one hundred TB cases with dependents, including in this second group some families which may have more than one member suffering from the disease. Arrangements have now been completed which will permit the first group of families under this extended arrangement to come forward to Canada on or about July 18, with a second group scheduled to come forward on July 25, and the remaining group in the first few days of August.

"Your Committee suggested that the special programme developed in connection with World Refugee Year should be enlarged to include not only private sponsorship of refugee families in camps in Europe, but also private sponsorship of European refugee families not in camps, as well as refugee families in other parts of the world. European refugee families not in refugee camps are already covered under existing provisions for private sponsorship.

"Financial assistance is already being given through a special contribution to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to assist refugee families in other parts of the world but, since the main objective of the High Commissioner during World Refugee Year has been to clear the camps in Europe, it is considered that, apart from the special