

UNWRA, with the money which would otherwise be spent by it on food purchases, to build, equip, staff and maintain for three years two vocational training centres for young Arab refugees. These two schools, which will provide technical training for perhaps 500 students each year will add skilled workmen to the economies of the Middle Eastern countries, thereby making a considerable contribution to the prosperity and stability of that area.

In Canada the Federal Government has actively promoted the idea of World Refugee Year. On many occasions both in the House of Commons and before various audiences across Canada, senior members of the Government have made speeches to stimulate interest in the needs of the world's refugees. As patron of the Canadian Committee for World Refugee Year, His Excellency the Governor General has spoken on television to encourage the people of Canada to participate wholeheartedly in the activities of their local committees.

Although Canada did not participate in the Stamp Plan, the Canadian Government authorized post offices throughout the country to use a special World Refugee Year postal cancellation during May and June of this year, which read "World Refugee Year - Remember and Give". It was hoped that this would provide in the final stages of World Refugee Year a reminder and an encouragement to the general public to contribute to their local World Refugee Year committee.

For their part, the Canadian people responded to the United Nations appeal for support of World Refugee Year and carried on an intensive fund-raising campaign. This campaign was co-ordinated by the Canadian Committee for World Refugee Year set up by 43 major voluntary and religious organizations. Some 35 local committees were formed to carry on the campaign in their respective districts. The Canadian Committee carried out an intensive publicity campaign involving press releases, publicity brochures and radio and television spot announcements. During one four-month period it was estimated that over 30,000 announcements had been made on radio and television in support of the World Refugee Year programme in Canada. In addition, mayors and reeves of municipalities across Canada proclaimed the last week of April to be National Austerity Week. During that week Canadians were requested to deny themselves some luxury or pleasure on which they would ordinarily spend money and to send the money so saved to their local World