

to intensify their efforts to stabilize their regular budgets by the elimination or deferment of less urgent projects, as well as urging better co-ordination and reforms leading to the improvement of administrative efficiency.

Cost of Operational Programmes

Each member state contributes its assessed share of the administrative costs of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies, but contributions to the costs of certain special or "operational" programmes are voluntary. These projects include the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, and the United Nations Children's Fund.

In order that those responsible for the administration of these programmes should have some idea in advance of the resources that will be made available to them, it has become customary at each United Nations session to establish a Negotiating Committee on Extra-Budgetary Funds. This group¹ consults with member and non-member governments to determine what amounts they are willing to donate to each programme.

Reaffirming its belief in continued support for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, because of its being based on the principle of helping people to help themselves, the Canadian Delegation at the eighth session of the General Assembly pledged, subject to parliamentary approval, to increase Canada's contribution from a maximum of \$800,000 (the 1953 pledge) up to a maximum of \$1,500,000 (U.S.) provided that the support from other contributors warranted such action, and provided that the total of contributions would be adequate to keep the programme at an economically sound level.

Last year's contribution by Canada of \$500,000 (Canadian) to UNICEF was matched by the same amount for the 1954 Children's Fund, whose total goal this year is \$20 million. Canada's total contributions to UNICEF since 1947 amount to \$8.97 million (Canadian). Voluntary private contributions from Canadians over the years of UNICEF operation have totalled over \$1.5 million.

Examination of the 1954 Budgets of the United Nations and Specialized Agencies

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The Secretary-General presented to the eighth session of the General Assembly estimates of expenditures for 1954 totalling \$48,123,400 compared with the approved 1953 budget appropriations of \$48,327,700. Offsetting the proposed expenditures were estimates of miscellaneous income for 1954 amounting to \$6,463,200 compared with the approved income estimate of \$6,238,200 for 1953. In each year the bulk of estimated income is made up of receipts from the

¹For 1954 the Negotiating Committee comprised Representatives of Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Lebanon, Pakistan, the United Kingdom and the United States.