

not meet the normal criteria for entry into the country. Thus, relatives or certain church agencies have been able to sponsor specific refugee families from Europe. Last autumn, the categories of eligible sponsors were broadened for the period of World Refugee Year so that private individuals, voluntary organizations and municipal and provincial authorities could act as sponsors for handicapped refugees. Early this year, the Government decided that this arrangement would be extended beyond the end of World Refugee Year. The interest in private sponsorship has not ended with World Refugee Year and a considerable number of refugees are being admitted to Canada in this way. It seems probable, therefore, that the private sponsorship programme will permit a significant contribution to be made to the High Commissioner's programme of camp clearance and re-settlement of European refugees.

By ensuring the closing of the European camps, the international community has come a long way in dealing with the refugee problem. We have, however, quite a way yet to go. The High Commissioner has outlined in his report, the programmes which must now be given priority so that the task of finding permanent solutions to refugee problems can be completed. He has laid particular emphasis on meeting the material and psychological needs of the non-settled refugees living outside camps, especially the physically and socially handicapped. He has stressed the vital importance for the mental well-being of refugees, of international legal protection which would enable refugees to share with others the right to work, to travel, to choose their own futures--the right, in other words, to live as normal a life as can be expected of men who have experienced the indignity of prolonged dependence on help from others. In addition, he has indicated the necessity of continuing to provide relief to the 200,000 Algerian refugees in Tunisia and Morocco, and to seek re-settlement opportunities for the refugees of European origin still living in the Far East.

At the present hopeful stage, there is every reason for governments and private organizations to continue their efforts on behalf of refugees in the hope of achieving permanent solutions in at least some areas of the world. It has been the Canadian Government's consistent policy to support the High Commissioner for Refugees. As an indication of its continuing interest in