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SUPPLEMENTARY UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR REFUGEES INDEMNIFICATION FUND

Will you kindly note the following correction to Press Release No. 4 of February 9, 1967, paragraph 4.

The address of the branch office of the UNHCR in Canada is:

86 Bloor Street West,  
TORONTO, Ontario,

and not:

329 Bloor Street West,  
TORONTO, Ontario,

as given in the press release.

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DU HAUT-COMMISSAIRE DES NATIONS UNIES POUR LES REFUGIES

Nous désirons porter à votre attention la correction suivante au communiqué de presse No 4 émis le 9 février dernier.

L'adresse du bureau auxiliaire du haut commissaire des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés au Canada est situé au numéro:

86 ouest, rue Bloor,  
TORONTO, Ontario,

et non au numéro:

329 ouest, rue Bloor,  
TORONTO, Ontario,

tel qu'indiqué dans notre communiqué de presse.

# PRESS RELEASE



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FEBRUARY 9, 1967 AT 12 NOON

## SUPPLEMENTARY UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES INDEMNIFICATION FUND

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that he has received notification of an agreement recently concluded between the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Federal Republic of Germany, whereby DM 3.5 million (\$875,000.) will be made available to the High Commissioner for the creation of a new fund for certain categories of refugees persecuted under the National-Socialist Regime in Germany for reasons of nationality, who were excluded under the terms of a similar fund amounting to approximately \$11,000,000. established in 1960.

Under the 1960 fund which was disbursed to 12,000 national persecutees in 35 countries, applicants had to be refugees on October 1, 1953, in order to qualify. The new fund is intended to benefit national persecutees who either acquired a new nationality prior to that date or became refugees after that date. Those who believe they meet the criteria laid down under the terms of the new fund are advised that they must file new claims irrespective of any earlier applications they may have made for indemnification. The last date for receiving of claims at the Office of the UNHCR in Geneva being September 30, 1967.

The official text of the formal announcement of the Supplementary UNHCR Indemnification Fund reads as follows:

1. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees announces that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has undertaken to put at his disposal a further amount of DM 3,500,000 to assist persons persecuted under the National-Socialist Regime by reason of their nationality.

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2. This assistance is intended for those national persecutees who, because they were NOT refugees on October 1, 1953, did not qualify under the UNHCR Indemnification Fund established in 1960.

3. To this end a supplementary UNHCR Indemnification Fund has been set up from which payments may be made to national persecutees who were detained in concentration camps, prisons or similar places of detention for at least three months, as well as to the surviving dependents of national persecutees who have died as a result of National-Socialist persecution, if the applicants either

- (a) as refugees within the meaning of the Geneva Convention relating to the status of refugees, acquired a new nationality after the end of persecution but before October 1, 1953; or
- (b) became refugees within the meaning of that Convention after October 1, 1953, but NOT later than December 31, 1965.

4. Persons who consider that they meet these criteria should submit applications to:

The Indemnification Section,  
UNHCR,  
Palais Des Nations,  
Geneva.

not later than September 30, 1967. Everybody wishing to benefit from the supplementary fund must submit a new application. Applications previously submitted to any other authority, or to the High Commissioner's first indemnification fund, do NOT meet this requirement. Application forms are obtainable at the above address and at the branch offices of UNHCR (in Canada, at 329 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario).

5. Persons who have NOT suffered damage of the type described in paragraph 3 above are requested in their own interest and in the interest of a

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speedy distribution of the fund to refrain from making applications. The fund is intended for persons who suffered loss of liberty or life for belonging to certain ethnic groups who, as such, were exposed to persecution under the National-Socialist Regime. It is not intended for persons having suffered other kinds of damage such as damage to health, forced labour, detention in prisoner-of-war camps, nor for persons persecuted for reasons other than their nationality, such as race and religion.

6. Payments will be made only to those who have NOT received indemnification from any other source, with the exception set out in paragraph 7 below. Persons who have already been indemnified are requested NOT to submit another application.

7. Persons who submitted claims to the BUNDESVERWALTUNGSAUSSCHUSS in Cologne, Germany, in respect of persisting injury to body or health under article VI, paragraph 4, of the German Final Law on Indemnification, may still apply to the Supplementary UNHCR Indemnification Fund in respect of loss of liberty or life and should, where applicable, pursue each application with the office dealing with it.