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A-9 RFE SPECIAL UNINATIONS OCT 2... "A SOLUTION OF THE WHOLE HUNGARIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM IS NOW ALMOST IN SIGHT," THE U.N. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES SAYS IN A REPORT PUBLISHED HERE WEDNESDAY.

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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S REPORT IS A COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT APPRISING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS OFFICE BETWEEN MAY, 1956 AND MAY, 1957.

THE SURVEY DEALS IN DETAIL WITH THE HUNGARIAN REFUGEE SITUATION. THE REPORT ESTABLISHES THAT BY THE FIRST OF MAY THIS YEAR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HUNGARIAN REVOLT REFUGEES WHO FLED TO AUSTRIA AND YUGOSLAVIA AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 193,000. THE REPORT SAYS ABOUT 35,300 HUNGARIAN REFUGEES REMAINED FROM THE ABOVE NUMBER IN AUSTRIA AND 14,305 IN YUGOSLAVIA.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER GIVES A FULL ACCOUNT OF FINANCIAL AND RESETTLEMENT AID FROM THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD TO ALLEVIATE THE HUNGARIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM. THE REPORT SAYS THAT 9,644,974 DOLLARS WERE RECEIVED FROM 48 COUNTRIES AND FROM PRIVATE SOURCES DIRECTLY BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, WHILE THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM GOVERNMENTS THE TOTAL SUM OF \$8,491,160.

THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET WERE THE UNITED STATES WITH \$5,000,000 CANADA WITH ALMOST \$700,000 FRANCE WITH \$100,000, SWEDEN WITH ALMOST \$100,000. THE NETHERLANDS HAS PROMISED OVER TWO AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. FROM PRIVATE SOURCES OVER \$700,000 WAS RECEIVED.

THE REPORT SAYS THAT THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT UP TO THE END OF THIS YEAR WILL HAVE SPENT ALMOST \$1,000,000 NOT YET COVERED BY FUNDS WHILE THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE AN UNCOVERED EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$7 MILLION.

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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS ASKING \$4,500,000 FOR A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A PERMANENT SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEM.

ON REPATRIATION, THE REPORTS SAYS THAT UP TO THE FIRST OF MAY THIS YEAR 4,470 HUNGARIAN REFUGEES WERE REPATRIATED DIRECTLY FROM AUSTRIA, 2,222 FROM YUGOSLAVIA AND ABOUT 2000 FROM COUNTRIES OF SECOND ASYLUM. IN THIS CONNECTION THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT ABOUT 14,000 OF THE TOTAL OF HUNGARIAN REFUGEES HAVE BEEN RESETTLED PERMANENTLY IN COUNTRIES OF "SECOND ASYLUM."

ON REFUGEES OTHER THAN HUNGARIAN THE REPORT SHOWS AN INCREASED INFUX INTO AUSTRIA DURING 1956. SOME 5,000 REFUGEES SOUGHT ASYLUM IN THAT COUNTRY WHILE THE FIGURES FOR THE PRECEDING FOUR YEARS HAD BEEN IN THE REGION OF 3,000 ANNUALLY.

IN AUSTRIA AT THE BEGINNING OF 1956 THERE WERE 143,700 REFUGEES, OF WHOM 82,000 WERE CONSIDERED "NON-SETTLED" REFUGEES INCLUDING 35,800 LIVING IN CAMPS. IN THE COURSE OF 1956 HOWEVER, THE REPORT POINTS OUT A "SIGNIFICANT" DIMINUTION IN THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES. FOR EXAMPLE, OF THE 35,800 CAMP REFUGEES THERE WERE ONLY 19,850 LEFT BY JANUARY 1, 1957.

IN GERMANY ON JANUARY 1, 1956 THERE WERE 216,000 REFUGEES OF WHOM 81,800 WERE NON-SETTLED, INCLUDING 26,800 LIVING IN CAMPS.

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