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#### HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

##### The Council,

Recalling the UN resolutions concerning Hungarian refugees, the appeal of the High Commissioner for Refugees and the resolution of the Executive Council of UNREF;

Expresses its satisfaction that the World Veterans Federation took speedy action in responding to Paragraph 4 of UN General Assembly resolution 409 of November 21, 1956, requesting non-governmental organizations to provide relief and assistance to Hungarian refugees;

Recognizing that the problem of Hungarian refugees is causing considerable difficulties in the countries that were the first to grant them asylum, namely, Yugoslavia and Austria;

Welcomes the initiative of the Federation in having placed at the disposition of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration a team of qualified personnel to aid Hungarian refugees in Austria, and in now providing similar services to the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees to assist Hungarian refugees in Yugoslavia;

Notes nevertheless with concern that as of March 10, 1957, some 51,000 Hungarian refugees still remained in Austria and some 17,000 in Yugoslavia, and that this serious continuing problem had caused the UN Secretary General and the High Commissioner for Refugees to issue on March 11, 1957, a further appeal for assistance;

Declares that the solution of the Hungarian refugee problem is an obligation of the countries of the entire world and not only, or chiefly, of the said countries;

Recommends therefore that the WVF continue to concern itself with the care of refugees in Austria and Yugoslavia, and with their settlement elsewhere;

##### Urges the governments:

- a) to make every effort to receive as rapidly as possible all the refugees from Yugoslavia and Austria so that they may as far as possible be enabled to settle in the country of their choice;
- b) to offer as much financial assistance as possible for the support of Hungarian refugees in Yugoslavia and Austria;

Calls further upon WVF member associations to make special efforts to aid Hungarian refugees and, in countries with large areas and expanding economies, to consider such projects as special "adoption" schemes which will permit refugees to be resettled through WVF member association initiative.

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