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**Letter To The Editor:**

The December, 1984 issue of *Refuge* provided information concerning the level of Canada's commitment to refugees in an article entitled "Canada Refugee Plans - 1985" which appeared on pages 12 and 13. While this information is of interest to individuals and groups involved in refugee issues, I regret that an error in the table which accompanied the article has perhaps diminished its value as an indicator of the federal government's participation in the refugee program for 1984.

One of the components of the table of Refugee and Humanitarian Programs is a comparison between the planned and actual 1984 intake of government sponsored refugees. The comparative figures of 10,000 planned versus 8,941 actual Government Sponsored Refugee Admissions leaves the reader believing that the federal government did not meet its 1984 refugee resettlement objective. The data printed under the heading "Actual 1984" is in fact data for the year 1983.

Final data for 1984 is not yet available, however, preliminary indications are that approximately 10,490 government sponsored refugees have entered Canada in 1984. This in fact exceeds our objectives in this area. Regional targets were met in South-east Asia, East Europe and Latin America and totals for Africa and Middle East were the largest recorded since global refugee intakes have been planned.

When all sources of refugee resettlement are considered, the 1984 intake will be in excess of 20,000 individuals assisted through refugee and humanitarian programs in Canada.

As the information in the table could lead to criticisms of underfilling of the government's planned commitment, I welcome the opportunity to bring this issue to your attention.

Yours sincerely,

R.A. Girard, Director  
 Refugee Affairs

	Government Sponsored* Refugee Admissions	Announced Allocation
Eastern Europe	2595	2300
Indochina	3690	3000
Africa	854	1000
Middle East	588	800
Latin America	2595	2500
Others	168	400
<b>Total</b>	<b>10490</b>	<b>10000</b>

\*Preliminary figures to December 31, 1984

**Query To the Editor:**

I am in the process of researching a thesis on the politics of the International Refugee Organization (and its evolution from U.N.R.R.A.) after World War II. Any ideas, suggestions for reading (memoirs, books, papers, etc.) would be most welcome. Any

assessments of the strengths and deficiencies of U.N.R.R.A. and its leadership would also be of great assistance.

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