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### Preparatory Cycle Reprieved

Enough additional contributions have been pledged to permit UNRWA to continue the preparatory cycle of education to the end of October. A further \$4 million is still needed to keep the 291 preparatory schools open until the end of 1979.

### New Commissioner-General Appointed

Olof Rydbeck, former Swedish Permanent Representative to the United Nations, has been appointed Commissioner-General of UNRWA in succession to Thomas W. McElhiney, who retired in April.

Born in 1913, Mr. Rydbeck was with the Swedish diplomatic service from 1939 to 1955, Director-General of the Swedish Broadcasting Corporation from 1955 to 1970, Sweden's Permanent Representative to the U.N. from 1970 to 1976, and since then he has been Swedish Ambassador to the United Kingdom. He will take up his UNRWA duties shortly.

### Emergency Appeal for Displaced Refugees in Lebanon

UNRWA has launched an appeal for \$500,000 to feed 40,000 Palestine refugees displaced by recent Israeli attacks in Lebanon.

Money given in response to the appeal will be used to provide to each displaced registered refugee (including those normally ineligible for rations) a monthly ration of 10 kilograms of flour, 600 grams of sugar, 500 grams of rice and 375 grams of cooking oil over the next six months. This represents a total of 2,754 tons of food or 1,480 calories a day for each refugee, a modest support in his battle for survival.

In the interim, the Agency has ordered the distribution of a special one-time ration of 20 tons of skim milk powder (500 grams per displaced refugee) from Agency stocks in Lebanon.

UNRWA estimates that most families who have recently been displaced will be unable to support themselves for at least six months. Many of them work as farm labourers in south Lebanon and agriculture in the area has been disrupted.

#### Installations Damaged

During the recent attacks in Lebanon, the UNRWA clinic at Nahr-el-Bared (near Tripoli) was severely damaged. An UNRWA feeding centre, ration distribution centre, office and a school were damaged at Rashidieh camp (near Tyre) and another clinic at Burj-el-Shemali camp (near Tyre) was also damaged.

#### Activities Day in Jordan

About JD 5,860 was raised during the UNRWA Activities Day in Jordan. The event was organized by UNRWA schools under the sponsorship of Queen Noor. It was held on 31 May at UNRWA's Amman Training Centre to mark the International Year of the Child.

The money will be used to undertake special projects for refugee children. The money was raised through a sponsored run which saw UNRWA staff members and students from schools and training centres running laps around the Amman Training Centre football field. Each runner had sponsors who donated money based on the number of kilometres their runner was able to complete.

The biggest money raiser of the day was UNRWA Field Office Director in Jordan, John W. Tanner. Mr. Tanner completed 10 km and raised 369,182 JD. Crown Prince Hassan was unable to participate but donated JD 500 to the fund.

Runners were sponsored by a total of 1,047 wellwishers.

The activities day also included: exhibitions of arts and handicrafts, home economics, teaching aids, educational projects and children's books; athletic and gymnastic displays; basketball, volleyball and table tennis matches; plays, singing and dancing; and a puppet show for young children.

The top five runners in terms of distance were: 1. Hamid Ismail, Amman Training Centre, 26 km; 2. Hussein Ashour, ATC, 25.2 km; 3. Akram Suleiman, Hussein camp, 22 km; 4. Yousef Abu Shaqra, ATC, 22 km; 5. Mohamad Abdul Qader, ATC, 21 km.

The five runners who obtained the biggest contributions were: 1. Mr. Tanner; 2. Faris Hassan Hazza, Irbid (JD 267,402 and 12.2 km); 3. Mr. Suleiman, ATC (JD 257,601); 4. Mr. Ismail (JD 242,274); 5. Odeh El Rahal (JD 232,528 and 18 km).

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