

# Briefs on World Refugee Year

World Refugee Year developed from an idea of four Englishmen—the former four-minute-miler Chris Chataway and three friends, Colin Jones, Trevor Philpott and Timothy Raison.

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One of the aims of World Refugee Year is to encourage governments to liberalize immigration laws and regulations. New citizens are new assets. In Canada thousands of "immigrants" are buying groceries and television sets, are going to the movies and eating in restaurants and sending their laundry out. The thousands of new customers mean more business for all of us.

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One of the purposes of World Refugee Year is to clear the camps of Europe and rehabilitate their refugee inhabitants so that they will become self-supporting members of the community in which they live.

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The acceptance of a refugee for immigration is not an act of charity. It is actually enlightened self-interest. History is full of examples of refugees repaying refuge with priceless skills and qualities. Men such as Einstein and Sikorsky were refugees who gave their adopted countries priceless knowledge and industry.

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"In this World Refugee Year we must remember that God gives the world, with all its fertility and riches, to all men, not to any particular nation or race. We who have received the blessings of food, warmth and shelter will one day be asked to render an account of our stewardship." — Archbishop McKeefry, Wellington, N.Z.

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## IN MY GRANDMOTHER'S GARDEN Adele Jordan Tarr

Within this garden, dreaming in the sun,  
Where tall delphinium spikes reflect the sky,  
Untended treasures grow. I mark each one:  
The stately boxwood, ragged now, and high,  
Brought from a Southern home. This primrose shy  
Has bloomed in springtime for a hundred years;  
Here white petunia lures the dragonfly.  
The humming-bird forgets her ancient fears,  
And builds her nest in peace, beside the gate's high  
piers.

This grass-grown path, outlined with ancient shells,  
Leads to a trellis twined with passion-flower;  
And every leaf to me a story tells  
Of patient labor, through some long-dead hour,  
By one who planted for a young wife's bower  
These bordered ways, this small magnolia tree.  
And dreaming here alone I feel the power —  
Strong as the tide that moves the surging sea —  
Of race and blood and kinship coming down to me.

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## ★ ★ ★ MY MOTHER'S GARDEN By Alcie E. Allen

Her heart is like her garden,  
Old-fashioned, quaint and sweet,  
With here a wealth of blossoms,  
And there a still retreat.  
Sweet violets are hiding,  
We know as we pass by,  
And lilies, pure as angel thoughts,  
Are opening somewhere nigh.

Forget-me-nots there linger,  
To full perfection brought,  
And there bloom purple pansies  
In many a tender thought.  
There love's own roses blossom,  
As from enchanted ground,  
And lavish perfume exquisite  
The whole glad year around.

And in that quiet garden —  
The garden of her heart —  
Songbirds are always singing  
Their songs of cheer apart.  
And from it floats forever,  
O'ercoming sin and strife,  
Sweet as the breath of roses blown,  
The fragrance of her life.

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"We are convinced that in our day and generation our greatest human tragedy is that of the refugee. The time has now come to act in this new initiative and we therefore call anew for your prayers, your intensified action and your continuing charity." — World Council of Churches.

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"We believe in the dignity of the individual, and freedom and justice. These are ideals by which nearly all of us like to feel that we are guided in our attitude and affairs. And yet we have been willing to tolerate the injustice, the indignity and the total lack of freedom that has been experienced for so many years by refugees." — Christopher Chataway, M.P.

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In the refugee camps of Austria, Germany, Greece and Italy there are still about 30,000 men, women and children. Another 100,000 live out of camps in Europe in conditions even more appalling. Twenty per cent, or 26,000, are children.

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More than 180,000 Algerian refugees live in mud huts, tents, caves in Tunisia and Morocco. Half of them, or 90,000, are children 16 years of age and under.

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For \$14 extra food for one year can be provided for a refugee. In some countries the basic allowance for refugee rations is only 18 cents per person a day.

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In the Middle East the basic refugee ration—flour, beans, sugar, rice, fats—amounts to 1,500 calories a day. The average Canadian consumes more than twice as much, about 3,050 calories.

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For \$180 vocational training can be given to a young refugee for a year. With three years' training he stands a better chance of getting a suitable job.

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