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INTRODUCTION

1. Further progress towards an integration of the new Hungarian refugees was made during the six months from 1 July - 31 December 1959. Of the total of over 200,000 new Hungarian refugees, the following numbers still remain in countries of first asylum: 9,600 in Austria and 510 in Yugoslavia. All the others have either been resettled in countries of second asylum, or have voluntarily returned to Hungary. Tables I and II below give the overall movement and indicate the present residence of new Hungarian refugees. Section I describes the detailed situation of these refugees in Austria.
2. The Programme for new Hungarian refugees in Austria is described in Section II. Under this Programme, 2,125 have been firmly settled (an increase since the last report of 1,151). All new Hungarian refugees in Yugoslavia can be considered as firmly established.
3. Further needs of the remaining non-settled refugees in Austria, as well as proposals for the allocation of the funds still available, are presented in an addendum to this document.

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Explanation of symbols used in statistical tables

Not applicable	.
Less than half the rounding unit	..
Not available	...
Nil or negligible	-

Note: According to their character and context, the figures have been rounded to the nearest ten or hundred. Apparent discrepancies between components and totals are due to this rounding.

TABLE I

SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS OF NEW HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

from October 1956 to the end of December 1959

Arrivals in Austria from Hungary	179,100	Remaining in Austria	9,600
Arrivals in Yugoslavia from Hungary	19,900	Remaining in Yugoslavia	500
Arrivals in other countries from Hungary	1,100	Remaining in other European countries	64,900
		Remaining in overseas countries	107,400
		Whereabouts unspecified	2,600
Sub-total	200,100	Sub-total	185,000
Other movements ^a	3,000	Repatriated from Austria and Yugoslavia	11,100
		Repatriated from other countries	7,000
		Sub-total	18,100
TOTAL	203,100	TOTAL	203,100

^a Natural increase calculated at a rate of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum, where no precise data available.

Country	A r r i v a				
	direct from Hungary	through Austria	through Yugos- lavia	through France	through Germany
	1	2	3	4	5
<u>Countries of first asylum</u>					
Austria	179,150	•	410	••	••
Yugoslavia	19,880	••	•	••	••
Total	199,030	••	410	••	••
<u>Other European countries</u>					
Belgium	180	3,460	2,390	80	40
Denmark	••	1,180	200	••	••
France	••	10,240	2,460	•	••
Germany, Federal Rep. of	••	14,320	1,150	••	•
Italy	••	3,850	240	••	••
Netherlands	120	3,570	90	10	20
Norway	10	1,230	360	••	••
Sweden	••	6,010	1,290	••	••
Switzerland	•••	12,140	750	••	100
United Kingdom	760	20,690	290	••	••
Other or unspecified European countries ^a	••	3,050	•	20	••
Total	1,060	79,740	9,220	110	170
<u>Overseas countries</u>					
Argentina	••	910	100	20	10
Australia	••	10,270	1,510	430	70
Brazil	••	1,010	630	20	10
Canada	••	25,570	1,770	3,070	690
Israel	••	1,900	170	30	••
New Zealand	••	1,010	80	10	10
Union of South Africa	••	1,330	••	10	••
U.S.A.	••	38,670	2,600	370	300
Venezuela	••	710	70	••	10
Other or unspecified overseas countries ^b	••	1,750	50	10	10
Total	••	83,120	6,980	3,970	1,100
GRAND TOTAL	200,090	162,870	16,610	4,090	1,260

Key: Column 10 = columns 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9,
column 14 = columns 10 - 11 - 12 + 13.

^a Including i.a. Iceland, Ireland and Luxembourg.

^b Including i.a. Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

^c Natural increase.

TABLE II
MOVEMENTS AND SITUATION

1956 - December 1959

					Departures			Situation on 31 December
through Italy	through Switzerland	through United Kingdom	through other or unspecified countries	Total	for Hungary	for other countries	Other movements ^e	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
110	70	-	640	180,370	8,280	162,870	370	9,600
-	-	-	-	19,880	2,780	16,610	10	510
110	70	-	640	200,250	11,050	179,470	380	10,110
20	20	10	50	6,250	470	830	70	5,020
-	..	..	..	1,390	70	380	10	950
50	10	20	60	12,830	770	4,090	120	8,100
70	60	60	120	15,780	310	1,260	210	14,420
..	-	..	..	4,090	190	3,780	20	140
..	10	10	20	3,860	610	530	50	2,760
..	..	..	..	1,610	30	50	20	1,550
..	10	10	60	7,380	250	220	90	7,000
30	..	30	710	13,770	1,590	2,070	410	10,520
30	10	..	20	21,800	1,820	6,570	210	13,620
20	220	-	..	3,300	50	250	20	3,020
220	330	140	1,050	92,050	6,170	20,020	1,250	67,110
10	10	30	220	1,320	-	-	20	1,330
650	1,130	700	380	15,140	90	430	180	14,790
100	20	30	30	1,850	-	..	20	1,870
1,540	120	5,250	990	39,000	130	..	490	39,360
10	20	10	10	2,140	-	30	30	2,140
50	..	10	20	1,180	-	-	10	1,190
10	10	10	10	1,380	-	-	20	1,400
570	340	340	590	43,780	600	90	540	43,630
40	20	20	10	880	-	-	10	890
470	10	30	270	2,610	30	1,430	10	1,170
3,450	1,670	6,430	2,540	109,280	850	1,980	1,330	107,780
3,780	2,070	6,570	4,230	401,570	18,060	201,470	2,960	185,000

esia and Nyasaland, Turkey and Uruguay.

SECTION I. SITUATION OF NEW HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA

4. Between 1 July and 31 December 1959 there was further reduction in the number of new Hungarian refugees, mainly attributable to the resettlement abroad of 1,924 persons. Sixty-five refugees have voluntarily repatriated during the same period. Taking into account the natural increase, new arrivals from Hungary (75 refugees) and refugees who returned to Austria from other countries for family reunion or other reasons, the number of new Hungarian refugees living in Austria on 31 December 1959 was reported as 9,605, compared with 11,471 on 30 June 1959. 2,216 new Hungarian refugees were living in Federal camps and institutions on 31 December 1959 while 969 were accommodated in homes run by voluntary agencies. These figures represent a reduction of 824 and 209 respectively for these groups compared with the situation on 30 June 1959.

5. The total number of new Hungarian refugees resettled from Austria as of 31 December 1959 amounted to 162,879, and the total number of voluntary repatriations to 8,277. The emigration from Austria during 1959 has been mainly due to the movement of refugees to the United States.

6. The impact of World Refugee Year has become evident through the special resettlement schemes designed to benefit refugees in the handicapped categories which have been announced by the Governments of Canada, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway and New Zealand. Selection under certain of these schemes took place in the second half of 1959 and the movement of some of the refugees selected had already been made before 31 December 1959. On 31 December 1959, 683 new Hungarian refugees were being considered for resettlement to various European and overseas countries, and it may be expected that many of them will leave Austria during the first six months of 1960. The registration of the new Hungarian refugees remaining in Austria reveals that 1,450 of them, the majority of whom are living in camps, still wish to emigrate. Approximately 80% of these refugees have expressed a wish to emigrate to the United States, Australia and Canada, and the remaining 20% to various European and overseas countries. An appeal was made by the High Commissioner to all countries concerned asking them to give special consideration to this group of refugees.

7. Table III contains data concerning the movement of new Hungarian refugees into and from Austria.

TABLE III

AUSTRIA - MOVEMENTS OF NEW HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

October 1956-December 1959

Situation or movement	1956	1957	1958	1959	1956- 1959
NUMBER AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	-	71,500	19,200	14,900	-
Arrivals from Hungary	164,300	14,600	100	100	179,100
Arrivals from other countries	-	1,000	100	100	1,200
Other movements ^a	-	200	100	100	400
<u>Gross increase</u>	164,300	15,800	300	300	180,700
Emigration	91,300	62,500	3,600	5,500	162,900
Repatriation	1,500	5,700	900	200	8,300
<u>Gross decrease</u>	92,800	68,200	4,500	5,600	171,100
Net variation during period	+71,500	-52,400	-4,200	-5,300	+ 9,600
NUMBER AT END OF PERIOD	71,500	19,200	14,900	9,600	9,600

^a Natural increase.

SECTION II. PROGRAMME FOR NEW HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA

General remarks

8. Considerable progress has been made in the implementation of the projects for permanent solutions. A total of 1,156 refugees of whom more than a half came from camps were firmly settled between 1 July and 31 December 1959, bringing the cumulative total to 2,126 refugees firmly established.

9. 438 housing units, including 59 under the "individual housing" projects, providing accommodation for 1,252 refugees have been completed and occupied during the second half of 1959, bringing the total of refugees housed to 1,898 (855 from camps).

10. Certain difficulties experienced in connection with the implementation of the housing projects in Austria under the Camp Clearance Programme have also affected the Programme for new Hungarian Refugees. As a result of fluctuations in the case-load and the movement of refugees within Austria, it proved necessary to introduce a procedure whereby housing units could be exchanged between the Programme for new Hungarian Refugees and the Camp Clearance Programme, in cases where the geographical distribution of the refugees called for such action. 22 housing units were thus exchanged.

11. During the second half of 1959, 70 new refugees have benefited from a total of 31 loans paid out under small loan projects. 66 new beneficiaries are recorded for the same period, under the projects to aid intellectuals. 47 new trainees underwent vocational training during the same period. Counselling and casework projects provided an additional 1,566 services.

12. Pending the results of the registration of new Hungarian refugees only a small number of new projects were put under implementation between 1 July 1959 and 31 December 1959. These projects are listed below:

<u>Project Symbol</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>	<u>UNHCR Contribution</u>
HU/AUS/C.1/59	Counselling and placement	\$ 5,597. -
HU/AUS/E.1/59	Installation loans	\$ 50,000. -
HU/AUS/H.3/59/R.1	Housing settlement (Dornbirn)	\$ 30,769. -
HU/AUS/H.4/59	Individual housing	\$ 50,000. -
HU/AUS/H.5/59 (add to HUN/PS/81/AUS)	Housing settlement (Vienna)	\$ 34,615. -
HU/AUS/H.6/59 (add. to HUN/PS/77/AUS)	Housing settlement (Linz)	\$ 4,000. -
HU/AUS/Y.2/59	Aid to intellectuals	\$ 1,000. -
HU/AUS/Y.3/59	Case work for youth	\$ 4,400. -

13. A complete list of previous projects under the Programme for new Hungarian refugees will be found in Annex III of the previous Progress Report, document A/LC.96/36.

14. Table IV gives a consolidated analysis of the number of beneficiaries under the UNHCR Programme for New Hungarian Refugees in Austria as of 31 December 1959 by stage of settlement. Progress for the second half of 1959 as indicated.

15. Tables V and VI provide a summary by type of solution of beneficiaries of projects for permanent solutions and projects which promote but do not effect, permanent solutions, as of 31 December 1959.

16. Table VII shows the financial position of the implementation of the long-term and permanent solution projects as of 31 December 1959, indicating progress made between 30 June 1959 and the end of that year.

TABLE IV

UNHCR PROGRAMME FOR NEW HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA^a

Consolidated analysis of number of actual beneficiaries, by stage of settlement

Date or period	Firmly settled			Other beneficiaries			All beneficiaries		
	From camps	Outside camps	Total	From camps	Outside camps	Total	From camps	Outside camps	Total
As of 31 December 1959	885	1,241	2,126	2,361	1,493	3,854	3,246	2,734	5,980
Position on 30 June 1959	307	668	975	2,363	1,423	3,786	2,670	2,091	4,761
Progress during 2nd half of 1959	578	573	1,151	-2	70	68	576	643	1,219

^a Excluding refugees who benefited only from projects promoting but not effecting permanent solutions, and/or from projects for supplementary aid.

TABLE V

Actual Beneficiaries of projects for permanent solutions as of 31 December 1959, by type of solution

Type of solution project symbol	Cases			Persons		
	From camps	Outside camps	Total	From camps	Outside camps	Total
<u>Small loans</u> HUN/PS/50/AUS (a)	17	85	102	34	192	226
<u>Installation loans</u> HU/AUS/E.1/59	2	-	2 ^a	6	-	6 ^a
<u>Establishment in agriculture</u> HUN/PS/54/AUS	3	-	3	8	-	8
<u>Housing settlement</u>						
HUN/PS/22/AUS	2	7	9	7	19	26
HUN/PS/57/AUS	3	15	18	14	49	63
HUN/PS/58/AUS (a)	119	53	172	319	149	468
HUN/PS/59/AUS	-	6	6	-	19	19
HUN/PS/60/AUS	-	26	26	-	92	92
HUN/PS/61/AUS	8	10	18	28	38	66
HUN/PS/62/AUS	17	31	48	68	102	170
HUN/PS/65/AUS	1	17	18	2	49	51
HUN/PS/66/AUS	37	18	55	98	44	142
HUN/PS/67/AUS	-	15	15	-	52	52
HUN/PS/69/AUS	14	3	17	38	10	48
HUN/PS/71/AUS	40	8	48	95	25	120
HUN/PS/72/AUS	11	3	14	34	3	37
HUN/PS/73/AUS	6	14	20	26	30	56
HUN/PS/74/AUS	4	10	14	13	31	44
HUN/PS/75/AUS	4	9	13	6	20	26
HUN/PS/76/AUS	-	1	1	-	2	2
HUN/PS/77/AUS	1	2	3	3	4	7
HUN/PS/78/AUS	3	3	6	18	9	27
HUN/PS/79/AUS	9	7	16	25	20	45
HUN/PS/55/AUS (a) ^b	15	90	105	47	188	235
HU/AUS/H.1/59 ^b	3	37	40	11	84	95
HU/AUS/H.4/59 ^b	1	1	2	3	4	7
Sub-total	298	386	684	855	1,043	1,898
<u>Aid to intellectuals</u>						
HUN/PS/43/AUS	32	163	195	57	300	357
HUN/AUS/Y.2/59	2	9	11	2	9	11
HUN/PS/106/AUS	140	145	285	140	145	285
HUN/PS/107/AUS	133	395	528	243	670	913
Sub-total ^c	307	712	1,019	442	1,124	1,566

Table V (continued)

Type of solution project symbol	Cases			Persons		
	From camps	Outside camps	Total	From camps	Outside camps	Total
<u>Care of unmarried mothers</u> HUN/PS/110/AUS	14	17	31	31	34	65
<u>Vocational training</u> HUN/PS/36,89/AUS	154	10	164	154	10	164
HUN/PS/90/AUS	98	15	113	98	15	113
HUN/PS/31/91/AUS	68	6	74	68	6	74
HUN/PS/30/AUS	175	15	190	175	15	190
HUN/PS/32/AUS	377	-	377	377	-	377
HUN/PS/37/AUS	99	-	99	99	-	99
Sub-total ^c	971	46	1,017	971	46	1,017
<u>Aid to university students</u> HUN/PS/41/AUS	-	19	19	-	19	19
HUN/PS/100,101/AUS (a) (b)	85	214	299	85	214	299
Sub-total	85	233	318	85	233	318
<u>Aid to high school pupils</u> HUN/PS/10,38,40,87/AUS	1,264	172	1,436	1,264	172	1,436
HUN/PS/33/AUS	465	-	465	465	-	465
HUN/PS/34/AUS	50	11	61	50	11	61
Sub-total	1,779	183	1,962	1,779	183	1,962
<u>Case work</u> HUN/PS/11,98/AUS	1,719	144	1,863	1,719	144	1,863
HUN/AUS/Y.1/59	50	800	850	50	800	850
Sub-total ^c	1,769	944	2,713	1,769	944	2,713
<u>Counselling</u> HUN/PS/12/AUS	86	309	395	168	699	857
HUN/PS/13/AUS	94	52	146	280	123	403
HUN/PS/14/AUS	31	84	115	76	214	290
HUN/PS/15/AUS	51	105	156	120	180	300
HUN/PS/16/AUS	7	37	44	16	80	96
HUN/PS/51/AUS	145	221	366	304	460	764
HUN/PS/52/AUS	14	89	103	32	176	208
HUN/PS/53/AUS	48	33	81	114	72	186
HUN/PS/83/AUS	19	85	104	63	215	278
HUN/PS/84/AUS	13	2	15	45	6	51
HU/AUS/C.1/59	111	7	118	320	17	337
Sub-total ^c	619	1,024	1,643	1,538	2,242	3,780
TOTAL ^c	5,364	1,630	9,494	7,518	6,041	13,559

a. Figures corrected are the result of a recent project control.

b. Individual housing projects.

c. As many refugees benefit from more than one project, these figures show the actual number of services rendered.

TABLE VI

Actual beneficiaries of Projects which promote but do not effect permanent solutions, as of 31 December 1959, by type of project

Type of project Project symbol	Cases			Persons		
	From Camps	Outside Camps	TOTAL	From Camps	Outside camps	TOTAL
<u>Aid to intellectuals</u> HUN/PS/103/AUS	100 ^a	400 ^a	500 ^a	100 ^a	400 ^a	500 ^a
<u>Aid to secondary school pupils</u> HUN/PS/88/AUS	69	15	84	69	15	84
<u>Aid to elementary school pupils</u> HUN/PS/80/AUS	446	-	446	446	-	446
<u>Home for problem children</u> HUN/PS/96/AUS	6	29	35	6	29	35
<u>Youth & Students' hostels</u> HUN/PS/86/AUS	1,100 ^a	800 ^a	1,900 ^a	1,100 ^a	800 ^a	1,900 ^a
HUN/PS/95/AUS	750	-	750	750	-	750
HUN/PS/99/AUS	9	14	23	9	14	23
Sub-Total ^b	1,859 ^a	814 ^a	2,673 ^a	1,859 ^a	814 ^a	2,673 ^a
<u>Processing centre</u> HUN/PS/97/AUS	44	6	50	44	6	50
<u>Cultural programme</u> HUN/PS/93/AUS	660	-	660	660	-	660
HUN/PS/94/AUS	18,000 ^a	-	18,000 ^a	18,000 ^a	-	18,000 ^a
Sub-Total ^b	18,660 ^a	-	18,660 ^a	18,660 ^a	-	18,660 ^a
<u>Case-work</u> HUN/PS/17/AUS(a)(b)	4,341	-	4,341	9,000	-	9,000
<u>Day nursery</u> HUN/PS/39/AUS	-	131	131	-	131	131
TOTAL ^b	25,525	1,395	26,920	30,184	1,395	31,579

^a Estimated

^b As many refugees benefit from more than one project, these figures show the actual number of services rendered.

TABLE VII

Position of UNHCR contributions towards the combined long-term
and permanent solutions projects in Austria, as of 31 December 1959
by type of project

(in U.S. dollars)

Type of project	No. of projects	Paid	Obligated	Total UNHCR commitments
Small loans	3	125,000	25,000	150,000
Establishment in agriculture	1	15,000	-	15,000
Housing settlement	34	2,283,994	249,211	2,533,205
Elementary schools	1	20,000	-	20,000
Youth projects	32	855,726	5,346	861,072
Aid to university students	2	117,384	11,577	128,961
Aid to intellectuals	3	40,000	-	40,000
Care of unmarried mothers	1	25,000	-	25,000
Counselling and case work	13	96,685	2,501	99,186
Hungarian News Bulletin ^a	1	10,000	-	10,000
Administrative expenses	.	70,000	-	70,000
T O T A L	91	3,658,789	293,635	3,952,424
Position on 30 June 1959	83	3,487,695	301,631	3,789,326
Progress during 2nd half 1959	8	171,094	-7,996	163,098 ^b

^a Discontinued on 15 January 1958.

^b The actual value of the eight new projects amounts to \$180,381; the difference of \$17,283 represents refunds of unspent balances and cancelled obligations under projects completed during the second half of 1959.

Small Loans

17. Project HUN/PS/50/AUS was completed on 31 December 1959. A total of 102 loans involving over \$ 92,000 were paid out. 67 refugees have so far started to make repayments which total over \$ 7,500. The rate of repayments under this project is slower than under loan projects in other programmes, and 15 cases are in arrears in the amount of \$ 1,900. It will be necessary to counteract rumours among beneficiaries that a conversion of these loans into grants is intended.

Installation loans

18. Under project HU/AUS/E.1/59, providing loans for the purchase of furniture and equipment, two loans were paid out by 31 December 1959. As of 31 December 1959, 31 cases were pending. The interest for this type of assistance appears to be in need of stimulation through more intensive counselling services. Steps have been undertaken towards closer co-ordination between this type of project and the housing programme.

Establishment in agriculture

19. No new applications were received for assistance under project HUN/PS/54 between 1 July 1959 and 31 December 1959. The project expired on 31 December 1959. It seems unlikely that sufficient applications will be received to justify a continuation of this project.

Individual housing loans

20. Under this group of projects (HUN/PS/55, HU/AUS/H.1/59 and HU/AUS/H.4/59) funds for which were exhausted by 31 December 1959, loans were provided to Hungarian refugee families to enable them to obtain housing on the open market. 147 loans have been made and a further 42 applications have been approved for which the loans have not yet been paid out pending signature of the pertinent leases. Suitable accommodation within the limits of the loans (not exceeding \$ 1,500) is not easy to find. The co-operation of the implementing agency and other voluntary agencies have, however contributed to the success of this project, under which 147 families comprising 337 persons have found accommodation as of 31 December 1959, including 59 families comprising 151 persons during the second half of 1959.

21. Repayments totalling almost \$ 7,000 have so far been made by 111 beneficiaries. There continues to be a need for this type of assistance.

Housing settlement

22. A total of 379 housing units has been completed between 1 July and 31 December 1959 while an additional 77 housing units should be completed during the first three months of 1960. So far a total of 537 families comprising 1,561 refugees have benefited from projects for Housing Settlement. The following table shows by project the situation with regard to the housing settlement programme.

MODEL C PROGRAMME FOR NEW HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

Project Symbol	Location	No. of units	Progress	Probable date of completion
HUN/PS/22/AUS	Wien, Pragerstrasse	9	completed	
HUN/PS/57/AUS	Wiener Neustadt	18	"	
HUN/PS/58/AUS	Kaiserebersdorf	172	"	
HUN/PS/58b/AUS	Kaiserebersdorf	157	under construction	Summer 1960
HUN/PS/59/AUS	Ternitz	6	completed	
HUN/PS/60/AUS	Trimmelkam	26	"	
HUN/PS/61/AUS	Wels	26	18 completed	balance Spring 1960
HUN/PS/62/AUS	Wien, Pragerstrasse	53	completed	
HUN/PS/65/AUS	Unterprenstaeften	18	completed	
HUN/PS/66/AUS	Linz-Kleinmuenchen	55	completed	
HUN/PS/67/AUS	Gruenbach	29	completed	
HUN/PS/68/AUS	Steyr	44 ^a	completed	
HUN/PS/69/AUS	Kapfenberg	34	completed	
HUN/PS/70/AUS	Hinterbruehl	22	under construction	Spring 1960
HUN/PS/71/AUS	Linz III	48	completed	
HUN/PS/72/AUS	Leonding	18	completed	
HUN/PS/73/AUS	Taxham-Salzburg	20	completed	
HUN/PS/74/AUS	Innsbruck-Rum	14	completed	
HUN/PS/75/AUS	Salzburg	42	24 completed	balance Spring 1960
HUN/PS/76/AUS	Salzburg	8	completed	
HUN/PS/77/AUS } HU/AUS/H.6/59 }	Linz-Kleinmuenchen	27	3 completed	balance Spring 1960
HUN/PS/78/AUS	Salzburg-Gneis	6	completed	
HUN/PS/79/AUS	Wels, Schulstrasse	16	completed	
HUN/PS/81/AUS } HU/AUS/H.5/59 }	Wien, Pappenheimg.	55	under construction	Autumn 1960
HU/AUS/H.3/59/R.1	Dornbirn	8	" "	Autumn 1960
		922	Total completed: 630 ^b	

a Project reduced by 5 units

b Of the 630 units completed, 537 were occupied by 31 December 1959.

Aid to intellectuals

23. Under project HU/AUS/Y.2/59 scholarships not exceeding \$115 can be granted to refugees in the higher age groups who, in order to exercise their profession in Austria, needed to have their academic degrees recognized by Austrian universities. Assistance was granted only to persons who had undertaken their final examinations a few months earlier. Eleven cases benefited under this scheme. It will be possible in the next Progress Report to provide information regarding the establishment of these persons in their professions.

24. The Recreation Centre (HUN/PS/106/AUS) benefited 25 refugees between 1 July and 31 December 1959 for varying periods of time.

25. Under project HUN/PS/107 financial assistance not exceeding \$115 is given to refugee intellectuals if their integration possibilities can thereby be improved, either through vocational training courses or the provision of small items of equipment. 55 cases have been assisted between 1 July and 31 December 1959, bringing the total of beneficiaries to 528 cases, comprising 913 persons.

Vocational training school - Hirtenberg (HUN/PS/89/AUS)

26. The extension of the Training School at Hirtenberg has been completed. 116 apprentices are provided with accommodation. 20 of them started their training during the second half of 1959. Most of them work in the school workshops where they are completing their training, others have already been placed with commercial firms where they can familiarise themselves with industrial working methods in Austria before taking their final examinations. The carpentry shop is now completed (HUN/EA.17/AUS/Rev.1) and provides training opportunities for 23 apprentices. The Hirtenberg School is a most successful venture and is highly regarded, both by the educational authorities and employers, who are keenly interested to employ apprentices who graduate from Hirtenberg. So far, 164 refugee youth have benefited from this project.

27. Under the vocational training projects HUN/PS/31/AUS and HUN/PS/91/AUS operated by a voluntary agency, a further 27 trainees were admitted during the last 6 months, raising the cumulative total of beneficiaries under these projects to 74.

Case-work and counselling

28. Efforts have been concentrated on counselling new Hungarian refugees living in camps. Under project HU/AUS/C.1/59 three integration counsellors are employed in the two main camps for new Hungarian refugees in the Vienna area. The counsellors give priority to the provision of suitable accommodation for the Hungarian refugees living in these camps and it is expected that the transfer from camp can be speeded up as soon as new projects are authorized and put into effect. Attempts have been made to advise Hungarian refugees living in camps in the Vienna area to move into UNHCR apartments in Steyr where there are not sufficient new Hungarian refugees to fill the apartments available.

29. Under this project, 118 cases comprising 337 persons (320 from camps) received counselling services.

30. In conformity with the policy of concentrating efforts on refugees in camps, the remaining counselling and casework projects which were not limited to operations in camps, were allowed to lapse as of 30 September 1959 (HUN/PS/52, 53, 83 and 84) and 31 December 1959 (HUN/PS/51) respectively. During the second half of 1959 they benefited 445 refugees, bringing the cumulative total of beneficiaries under this group of projects to 1,493.