

not be forgotten, the spokesmen for these great super-powers, with their tremendous power in comparison to the other members of the United Nations, took that dispute to the very forum of world opinion, the Security Council. As they faced one another, every seat in the Security Council chamber was filled with members from the General Assembly. It was an unforgettable moment. The role of the Acting Secretary-General, as he then was, was highly creditable and crowned with much success.

We are pleased too, that, under the inspiration of former President Mongi Slim, the United Nations is moving forward in the direction of improving its procedures and manner of work. A very impressive committee has been set up for which I think lovers of the United Nations may entertain certain high hopes.

The United Nations, which began with some 50 members, has now 110. The area of the world unrepresented in the UN is shrinking daily. Its complexion is changing. Membership of the committees and other bodies is altering and it is necessary in the interests of efficiency to have some improvements in techniques. Indeed it is almost necessary to have an extension to the very physical facilities. These, which once seemed to be so ample, now often appear to be overcrowded.

A Humbling Experience

...We, in the context of this debate, are of course interested in the performance of the Canadian Delegation at the United Nations. I was very proud of the way the Canadian Delegation performed. There is something extremely humbling to be at an international organization and note on every hand the high respect in which Canadians are held. I think it is humbling because it is quite a challenge to measure up to the tremendous responsibilities constantly put upon Canadians, especially in the UN context. We are a charter member of the UN. I suppose, if one looked back over the whole history of resolutions, Canadians have been co-sponsors or sponsors of more resolutions than any other country.

The Canadian point of view is constantly sought. We have served on all sorts of peace-making missions and I think it could be said that this very day Canadian personnel are performing peace-keeping operations all over the world. It is something which should cause us pride. At the same time it should cause us some humility because it is a heavy challenge....

The World Food Programme became fully operational on January 1 of this year. As is known, Canada has taken an active part in the establishment and development of this Programme, beginning with the Prime Minister's proposal to the United Nations General Assembly in September 1960.