

(Progressive Conservative, Queens) and Mr. G. M. Murray (Liberal, Cariboo), Mr. Pearson stated the numbers of the staff of the Department situated abroad, and went on to say that:

The heads of missions, whether they are ambassadors, ministers or high commissioners, are government appointments. Foreign service officers in our missions abroad are all appointed after competitive examination through the civil service commission.

. . . We employ Canadians in clerical, administrative and stenographic work in our offices abroad. We recruit them through the civil service commission, and train them in the department for service abroad. Subordinate appointments abroad are sometimes filled by local recruitment, but in general the stenographic, clerical and administrative staffs are recruited in Canada for service abroad and trained for that purpose . . . Any position involving any degree of responsibility . . . should be and is filled by a Canadian official.

### Speech from the Throne

In the speech from the Throne which closed the first session of the twenty-first parliament on December 10, the following references were made to external policy:

. . . Our country continues to take an active part in the proceedings of the United Nations. Despite that organization's present inability to solve the major political problem confronting mankind, the United Nations has succeeded in coping with menacing situations in many parts of the world. At the current session of the general assembly, Canada was elected to the Economic and Social Council.

It is gratifying that the agencies under the North Atlantic Treaty have been established and are undertaking the tasks which have been assigned to them . . .

. . . The real foundation of the ability of the nations of the North Atlantic community to defend themselves lies in their continued economic strength and stability. Canada is co-operating with other nations, particularly the United Kingdom and the United States, in seeking solutions to the difficult economic problems which still confront the democratic world . . .

### CANADIAN RECOGNITION OF INDONESIA

The Department of External Affairs released on December 27, 1949, messages from the Prime Minister of Canada to the Prime Minister of the Netherlands and to the Prime Minister of the Republic of the United States of Indonesia, extending greetings and informing them that the Government of Canada has given full recognition to the Republic of the United States of Indonesia. An article on the establishment of the Republic of the United States of Indonesia will appear in *External Affairs* for February.