

possibility of enlisting such support, and even when it can be done the strategy often has to be Macchiavellian, even to the extent of letting some other delegation take credit for our initiatives.

CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO KEEPING THE PEACE

14. SECOND - let us consider the Canadian view of the U.N.'s role in the maintenance of peace and security. The Charter, of course, conceives of this essentially as the task of the Security Council acting on behalf of the whole membership, and with the unanimous agreement of the Great Powers, the permanent members of the Council. In fact this concept of unanimity has rarely been realized, and the record of the U.N.'s endeavours to take positive action to keep the peace is a history of efforts to overcome the obstacles to action imposed by the inability of the Great Powers to achieve agreement. The role of the Organization was thus effectively changed to one of keeping these powers out of troubled situations rather than bringing them in. Seen in this light the number of occasions