

bring about world peace for hundreds of millions of people who otherwise would perish from this earth.

As I see it, these are the main developments which have taken place or are in the process of taking place and which have much wider implications than has been the case at any other time since I have had the privilege of being Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Disarmament

The question may be asked, where does Canada fit into this picture? May I say that Canada is involved and is helping in an idealistic way all over the world. I mention first the field of disarmament. I deal with that first because this is the main way in which world peace can eventually be achieved. This is where effort is most worthwhile.

By disarmament I do not mean simply stopping the development of more deadly weapons or reducing existing weapons, although such results would be of the utmost importance; I define it in the wider sense as including the stopping of nuclear-weapons tests, stopping the pollution of the air that we, our children and our grandchildren will have to breathe, reducing tensions, reducing distrust. It is very hard to bring about any settlement as long as nations distrust each other so that every word one says the other disbelieves instantaneously. I include all activities of that kind under disarmament.

Fallout Over Canada

Canada is involved in this question for good reason. We just happen to lie between the two great nuclear powers. If there is a nuclear war, we are in for it. Our cities will be destroyed. On the Saturday night after the Cuban crisis arose, I believed, and I have no doubt many other people did, that before morning Ottawa might be demolished, as well as Montreal, Toronto and my home city of Vancouver. Canada has another good reason to be interested in questions having to do with disarmament, for we are in a heavy fallout area. This nation is in one of the worst fallout areas in the world, the temperate zone. It is admitted that Canada is in one of the worst areas. Fallout may affect not only us but the very food we grow, and no one knows yet what the end result will be of the nuclear tests which have already taken place, because a lot of the fallout is not yet down. Questions were asked just today about Strontium 90 in the food Eskimos in Northern Canada are eating.

The Government believes that Canada can do something worthwhile on the question of disarmament. One reason is because we were chosen by our Western colleagues in NATO as one of the NATO negotiators on the 10-Nation Committee set up in September of 1959, and I would point out that this does not look as though we were