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It is the policy of the government to have Canada give wholehearted support to the United Nations. Special attention is being given to the deliberations respecting atomic energy and the regulation and reduction of armaments. My Ministers are also following with interest the activities of the United Nations with regard to the question of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and the manner in which those obligations accepted by all Members of the United Nations may best be implemented. It is the intention of the government to recommend the appointment of a select committee of members of both Houses to consider and report upon these matters.

The General Assembly of the United Nations concluded, last month in New York, its first session begun in London a year ago. Canada's delegation both in London and in New York was representative of the government and the opposition, and of both Houses of Parliament. The Canadian delegation took an active and constructive part in the work of the Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Atomic Energy Commission and other international organizations. You will be invited to consider legislation to enable Canada to carry out our country's obligations under the United Nations Charter, and to approve other agreements arising out of the growing structure of international organization.

Canada welcomed the action of the United Nations in convening a World Conference on Trade and Employment. It is hoped that the Conference may bring into being an international Charter which, by the removal or reduction of restrictions, will result in the continuous expansion of world trade. During the autumn, preparatory trade discussions among the nations of the Commonwealth were held in London. Discussions are being continued with other of the United Nations. Canada's delegation to the Conference will be instructed to further to the utmost this combined effort on the part of the United Nations to liberate trade and thereby to assist in the maintenance of a high level of employment.

In our own country, the change-over from wartime conditions has proceeded rapidly. The repatriation and demobilization of the armed forces have been practically completed. Almost all dependents of veterans have now arrived in Canada. The three armed services have been brought under the jurisdiction of one Minister of the Crown. The navy, army and air force are being reorganized on a post-war basis.