

difficulties - and certainly in spite of the claim of one observer recently that peacekeeping is a "vestigial" Canadian interest. To my mind, far from being "vestigial", peacekeeping is a forward-looking idea, which has proved its usefulness. This is certainly not the time to turn away from the United Nations and back to international conditions as they existed earlier in this century.

When new peacekeeping forces are required (and one does not have to be a prophet to predict that crises will arise in future) I am sure that Canadians will wish the Government to be ready to respond, if we are requested to participate and if the decision of the Security Council makes it feasible and appropriate for us to do so.

Recently one observer of our external relations thought that Canada should, as a new direction, assign a high priority to disarmament and non-proliferation. I was amazed, not at the goals themselves, but at the idea that anyone could suggest that Canada has not attached fundamental importance to these goals. Canada is dedicated to the goal of general and complete disarmament and we have participated actively in every international disarmament/<sup>forum</sup>and in every disarmament effort since World War II in attempting to achieve that end. Despite political impediments, some progress has been made in the initial steps of limiting armaments, for example, through the Partial Test Ban Treaty and the Outer Space Treaty. Canada played an active part in the achievement of both these international accords and was among the first signatories. On the proliferation of nuclear weapons, we have not only refused to develop these