

a widening knowledge and understanding of the partner-countries involved. The emergence of any broader sense of community involves the acceptance of wider responsibilities for the general well-being of the region. Pacific countries are anxious to see what role Canada will play in the achievement of regional peace and security, and in cooperative action to share the benefits of economic development with the disadvantaged countries. As a result, Canada faces a series of new decisions as to the directions of its Pacific policies.

6. The Policy Paper supplied some answers to these questions. In the period since this document was referred to it by the Senate on 8 October, 1970, the Committee has had the opportunity to observe the policies selected in practice. As the Policy Paper states, "For Canada, as for many of the smaller nations of the Pacific, the problem for the future will be to define constructive policies and interrelationships realistically tied to individual national capacities, yet effectively aimed at common Pacific objectives." (p. 11). This Report is concerned with elaborating the real meaning and potential of Canadian membership in the Pacific community of nations.