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United Nations Day

The Department of External Affairs today announced that plans for the celebration on a nation-wide scale of United Nations Day, October 24, are being prepared by the United Nations Association in Canada. This date, October 24, will mark the third anniversary of the coming into effect of the Charter of the United Nations.

Celebrations of this day in Canada are being arranged in accordance with a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on October 31, 1947, which declared that October 24 should henceforth be devoted to the task of gaining support for the United Nations by making its aims and achievements known to the peoples of the world. Member States were invited to co-operate with the United Nations in observing this anniversary.

The United Nations Association, of which Dr. Sidney Smith is the National President, was asked in April of this year by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to take the lead in organizing public observances of United Nations Day. Since that time the Association has secured the co-operation of many other national organizations and plans are in progress for observing the day in towns and cities across Canada.

As it was felt that major emphasis should be placed on the observance of United Nations Day by the general public rather than on official formalities, it was decided that the most satisfactory results could be achieved if voluntary organizations sponsored the celebrations. Further details concerning the celebration in Canada of United Nations Day will be made public shortly by the United Nations Association in Canada.