

Indeed, it would be ironical if the United Nations failed to recognize a group of nations dedicated to international cooperation over and above regional and racial differences. After all, this is one of the main objectives which the United Nations itself is pursuing.

The task before us is to give adequate representation on the Council to the new members who have joined the United Nations since 1945. We want to do this. There is not the slightest doubt in our minds that enlargement is the answer to the problem, and that it must be adequate in both the Security Council, and in ECOSOC, to permit an equitable allocation of seats. This equitable distribution of seats cannot be based exclusively on geography but must take full account of the criteria set out in Article 23, <sup>(of the Charter)</sup> the most important of which, as I have noted, is the contribution of members to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization. It must therefore take into account the existence of the Commonwealth and of its contribution to U.N. affairs, a consideration to which my Government and the people of Canada attach the utmost importance. Finally, we must remember that the membership of the United Nations has more than doubled since 1945 and is still growing. It is apparent therefore that while avoiding undesirable inflation we should move in the direction of restoring the ratio between the total of the membership and the number of seats open to election in order to satisfy each grouping - those provided for under the Gentleman's Agreement of 1946, and the new members. ✓

Expansion, which would make for a just re-distribution (and provide adequate representation on the Councils for all groups, the old members and the new members) may be prevented unless the Soviet Delegation reconsiders its attitude. If it does not, it will be responsible for this injustice to the new members from Asia and Africa. But, it is to expansion and equitable representation for all that we have to address ourselves now, in order that we may lay the ground for a happier and more fruitful future in this Organization, remembering however that a patch-up job in these last days of an Assembly may do more harm than good. It is in this light that my Delegation will examine all concrete proposals put before the Committee for expansion of the Security Council and ECOSOC.