

Canadian Committee for UNICEF last year raised more than half a million dollars for UNICEF through the sale of greeting cards, Halloween for UNICEF Campaign, and voluntary contributions. We hope that the enthusiasm for UNICEF will continue to increase.

We are happy that the Executive Board of UNICEF has decided to hold its January meeting in Bangkok. This will create new interest in this outstanding organization and give Executive Board members a chance to see UNICEF in action. My Government would like to congratulate UNICEF for the excellent work accomplished by its programmes during the past year. However, an organization from time to time must look back on its previous achievements, self-examine its record in a changing world and make careful planning for the future. We hope that the Bangkok session will prove useful and productive in this regard.

My delegation was particularly happy to learn that the Nobel Prize Committee of the Norwegian Parliament has awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1963 jointly to the International Red Cross Committee and the League of Red Cross Societies. The Red Cross not only contributes materially to the well-being of the world, it also sets an atmosphere of peace by the very nature of its activities. We feel that Canada shares somewhat in this honour bestowed on the Red Cross since a Canadian, Mr. John A. MacAulay has been Chairman of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies, during the last four years.

The Canadian Government had the honour to participate this year in the first session of the Economic and Social Council Committee on Housing, Building and Planning. We believe that this first session accomplished a great deal towards solving the fundamental problems of housing. There seems to have been general agreement among members of the Committee on the following three points:

- (1) that housing has not received the international and national attention which it deserves;
- (2) that housing will continue to suffer unless a concerted effort is made to coordinate international action in this field concurrent with national action;