

human development will need to extend far beyond the limits prescribed in the present constitutions.

"In the World Health Organization's constitution there are statements that indicate some new points of view. One is in the constitution's opening statement, agreed to by some 88 nations: it is a definition of the word 'health.' Health is defined, by the nations of the world, as: 'A state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.'

"This is a big order. It suggests the responsibility of our generation to develop a degree of maturity that has never been expected before of any generation...."

About technical assistance and foreign experts, Dr. Chisholm had this to say:

"When anyone presumes to go into another country and mess about with other people's lives, he is assuming considerable responsibility. He needs to be quite sure that what he is doing is really for the good of those people and is not just something which he believes should be emulated by those people because we ourselves live that way.

"For instance, in the medical field, there has been a tendency on the part of people from Europe and America to go to the underdeveloped countries and teach the people there to get on with their medical development in the same way we have. This may be quite absurd. We are superimposing our highly developed methods of treatment on them without first showing them the long, slow methods of prevention, forgetting that we did nothing but treat diseases for hundreds of years with almost no techniques of prevention at all.

"Thus, the way the so-called underdeveloped countries should develop is by prevention first, with treatment when they can sustain it, or to the degree that they can sustain it. Prevention is wholesale; treatment is retail. We may have to sell our wares by undertaking treatment, by using penicillin, for instance, for the apparently magical cure of yaws or other diseases, but the primary necessity is prevention."

Finally, after saying that the United Nations and its specialized agencies "were admirably designed for a specific and limited purpose—to be instruments and to do exactly what they were told to do by the peoples of the world through their governments" and adding that "until the people at home do some growing up and begin to understand the necessities of this generation, we can't expect the United Nations and its specialized agencies to take very many steps forward in bringing about world co-operation for mutual benefit."

Dr. Chisholm went on: "In many countries I have visited in recent years, people have come to me and asked how to get a job in the United Nations. They want to do something significant, something important for the welfare of the world. The answer to that I have, I think, made very clear: 'Go home and do it, because it is at home that the job needs to be done. That is where the lag is, not in the United Nations. That is where the catching up has to be done.'"