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### CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL ROLE

Transcript of an interview with the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, by Charles Lynch, on November 21, 1959.

- Q: Mr. Green, you've been in office for less than six months and in that time you've been about as busy as a Minister could be, travelling to Europe, speeches around this country, and appearances and some very interesting attitudes at the United Nations. I'd like to run down some of these attitudes which made a good deal of news. The first is the radiation resolution on which you got a unanimous vote. To get that sort of thing, did you have to water the resolution down to the point where it might be meaningless?
- A: Well, we wouldn't have done that. We changed it a bit from the original draft in order to get the other nations to agree. However, the resolution as it was finally adopted by the United Nations, I think, covers the point that we wanted to cover.
- Q: And what is that?
- A: Well, we feel that there isn't adequate collection of information on radiation and fallout and the effects on different people. And while a great deal is done, we feel that a great deal more should be done.
- Q: Is this a move to reinforce an end to the nuclear bomb tests?
- A: Well, of course the bomb tests are one feature of the situation. But there is radiation from many other causes than bomb testing.
- Q: Do you think the unanimous vote you got indicates the sincere desire on the part of all nations, including the Communists, to do something about this?