

Australia, France, Norway, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Japan, Israel, the Soviet Union, Argentina and Italy, in addition to the International Atomic Energy Agency and the World Health Organization. There has been a marked increase in the number of member countries supplying the United Nations with data on fall-out levels. I think we can be proud of the results that have followed from the initiative taken in 1959.

In addition we have made it perfectly clear for a long time that the Canadian Government is opposed to nuclear tests of any kind. That was done in order that there would be no misunderstanding and that every country would know exactly where we stood. We see no reason for Canada to change that policy.

In the present situation, with the Soviet Union conducting these tests in the way it has been, there can be no doubt that the responsibility for this backward step must be placed at their door. The United States has said that it now proposes to carry out tests. I think in fairness every Hon. Member of the Committee would agree with me that the United States could not sit by indefinitely while the Russians were proceeding with their tests; but naturally we regret that it has been deemed necessary for the United States to announce the resumption of tests at this time. Canada on this problem will endeavour to further an agreement banning tests. That may not be an objective easily reached, but this is the target at which we will be aiming.

#### Berlin Crisis

Having dealt with nuclear testing, I turn now to the situation in Berlin and Germany. I am sure all Hon. Members of the Committee and the Canadian people generally will join with me in supporting the clear-cut, analytical and statesmanlike speech made by the Prime Minister of Canada in Winnipeg on September 1. I see by the press that the Leader of the Opposition has said he agrees with the attitude adopted in that speech by our Prime Minister. It would be tantamount to gilding the lily for me to attempt today to go over the same ground which was covered by the Prime Minister on that occasion. I merely point out that for many months there have been warnings by the Soviet Union that there would be a peace treaty signed with East Germany and there have been various threats, not all confined to one side, incidentally.

Threats do not obtain very good results. Perhaps this is one of the ways in which the leaders of the Soviet Union misunderstand the people on the Western side. The Soviet cannot obtain results by threatening the Canadians, the British, the people of the United States or other Western nations. We have been threatened before, and have met those threats with the proper action. That is the reason we are in active business in the world today. We do not back down in the face of threats.