

- Q. It has been the first year in the U.N. for the People's Republic of China...has their performance added to the progress of the organization?
- A. They have proceeded rather cautiously. It has, however, changed the whole character of the debate in the United Nations to have the Peking government present. Because, as I said earlier, you don't have the polarization between the Soviet Union and the United States. The old blocs are breaking up as they try to assess their position in the light of the entry of another "great" power, which doesn't want to be a great power. I feel that the entry of Peking into the China seat has brought about a much more realistic character to the debates in the United Nations. They are not now quite so unrelated as they were when the China seat was occupied by the Nationalist government that didn't have effective control over the people of that country.
- Q. One of the constant questions is that of peacekeeping operations... either under the U.N. or other...and Canada has been putting forward some specific views on this type of operation. What progress has been made there?
- A. Not as much as we would have liked. The central problem is that differences of view between the United States and the Soviet Union over the direction and control of peace-keeping operations authorized by the Security Council. They have a difference of view as to who should be in charge of a peace-keeping operation. In September, this year, we put forward a written paper containing suggestions which might enable the committee to make progress on this issue and it examines for example, ways in which the military staff committee might provide advice and assistance to the Security Council on the establishment, direction, and control of peace-keeping operations. The mandate of this special committee on peace-keeping operations was renewed by the General Assembly this year and we expect that the committee will begin detailed consideration of the Canadian proposals and others early in the new year. It is very difficult to be very optimistic about it, however, this is an extremely difficult and serious difference of view between the two major powers. And until they can agree on something we're not going to make much progress.
- Q. Something to the same difference of view appears to have come up in the question of Vietnam and a truce supervisory force or a peace supervisory force. Do you feel that there has been any improvement in the position regarding such a supervisory commission?
- A. I think it is significant that Canada has said publicly what its conditions are. Otherwise people might have quite unrealistic ideas of what can be done and the conditions under which it can be done. Too often in the past there has been a tendency to believe that you throw in a supervisory commission or you throw in a peace-keeping force without