

We are also very much interested in the problem of the refugees in the Middle East. This subject was debated at some length in the United Nations, and Canada is continuing her contribution of \$500,000, subject to Parliamentary approval, to UNRWA for work in this field.

Finally, there is the United Nations itself. I do not take the United Nations last because of any considerations as to relative importance, for it certainly is as important in Canadian external policy as any other organization. It is a huge organization with several thousand employees and I believe most of them have a United Nations mentality; rather than feeling they are working for their own countries they feel that they are working for the United Nations. They are being given wonderful leadership by the Secretary-General, Mr. Hammarskjold, who is bringing order out of chaos in an amazing way. When I think of having 82 parties in the House of Commons here and trying to reach any result, and then see the representatives of 82 nations working together down in New York, I am forced to conclude that somebody, somewhere, has done a great deal of careful planning, and it is really a seven-day wonder the way results are obtained at that organization.

From the point of view of a Foreign Minister, the meetings of the General Assembly are extremely valuable. I had the opportunity to meet and talk with at least 35 Foreign Ministers, and I know no other way in which it would have been possible to get their views or to pass on Canadian views to them. These contacts alone have more than justified any time spent in New York during the sessions of the Assembly.

Canada was represented at the last Assembly by a splendid Delegation. I am very proud of the part they played and I include everybody--those who came from outside the service, the delegates, the alternates who came from the Department and the Parliamentarians from all parties. We were there as a team. Each and every one of the group made a great contribution and I think we were able to give Canada good representation throughout the Assembly.

One is also struck by the work done by the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. In effect, this is Canada's embassy at the United Nations, and so much is done there under pressure--resolutions and amendments and difficult problems come up so fast and so frequently--that decisions have to be made in a hurry, various people have to be consulted in a hurry.

We had as our main initiative this year a resolution to provide for more effective collection of information on radiation and fall-out, and also a more effective method of distributing such information. We had a great deal of difficulty in getting that resolution through. The Vice-Chairman of the Delegation, my Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Nesbitt, did a wonderful job in carrying out these negotiations. He has become one of the outstanding representatives at the United Nations.