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An Address by the Honourable Paul Martin,
Secretary of State for External Affairs,
at Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts,
on November 17, 1965.

I am honoured, Mr. Chairman, by your invitation to speak here in the series of the Dag Hammarskjöld Memorial Lectures sponsored by Radcliffe College and the Harvard-Radcliffe World Federalists....

This is an occasion, however, on which we are concerned less with the United States and Canada and our own familiar continental horizons than with world events and the role of the United Nations. No one who had any connection with Dag Hammarskjöld, or was at all aware of the great events in which he was involved, would, of course, need to be reminded of a man distinguished by great gifts of mind and character. I am glad, however, that so many universities have chosen to sponsor memorial lectures as a means of carrying on the public discussion of the organization of world society to which the international public servant whom we are honouring made so many brilliant contributions.

Dag Hammarskjöld made many of his most memorable comments on the problems of world security and welfare when he had to analyze intricate constitutional questions within the United Nations and delicate matters of international diplomacy.

I have chosen the subject "Prospects for Peace Keeping" because it leads us immediately into specific and difficult questions of policy concerning which generalities about support of the United Nations are not of very much help. I should like, as a member of the Canadian Government personally involved in decisions about these questions, to comment on what appear to me to be the fundamental questions at issue and to tell you of the action which Canada has taken or is advocating.

The questions now being debated in New York have to do with the responsibilities of the Security Council and the General Assembly for the initiation, control and financing of peace-keeping operations.