

as the most important of the so-called middle powers. France was just emerging from her years of bondage, and Italy, Germany and Japan were defeated enemies, while we were in the midst of a period of unprecedented industrial expansion. We were very conscious of this status and were successful in having an expression of the special role we foresaw for ourselves spelled out in Article 23 of the Charter, which in setting out the composition of the Security Council provides that in the election of non-permanent members due regard shall be speciallly paid, in the first instance to the contribution of Members of the United Nations to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization.

12. In spite of the guidance given in the Charter, election to the Council has in practice been dictated almost exclusively by considerations of what is referred to in the U.N. as "equitable geographical distribution". Canadian hopes of achieving frequent election to the Security Council thus have not