

The record is clear. Because of the existence of the United Nations, some outbreaks of violence have been avoided altogether; others have been brought to a speedy end; still others have been kept from growing into wider conflicts. Because of the impelling moral force this organization has mobilized, almost every dangerous situation of the past eight years has been presented sooner or later to the United Nations.

The United Nations has dealt with a variety of problems using a variety of techniques. It was the United Nations that brought an end to large-scale hostilities in Palestine. It was the United Nations that effected a cease-fire in Kashmir and brought the dispute between India and Pakistan within a framework of negotiation. It was the United Nations that created the independent state of Indonesia and, in so doing, not only halted a serious war but assisted a rich and ancient civilization in taking its place in the family of nations. It was the United Nations that finally solved the problem of the disposition of the Italian colonies which had not been resolved in the peace conference. Above all, it was the United Nations that achieved an armistice in Korea.

Korea -- The U.N.'s Greatest Test

In August 1950, when the Security Council was arguing the Korean question, a visitor to Lake Success asked the U.S. delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, how he could sit and listen to so much talk and wrangling.

"Madame", said the ambassador, "it is better for aged diplomats to get ulcers than for young men to get shot." This little incident illustrates why the United Nations has concentrated so much of its energy on finding a solution to the complex Korean question and why the delegates of the member nations have been prepared to face the repeated disappointments and frustrations of interminable debate.

We recognized from the beginning of this conflict that the fighting in Korea involved tragic loss of life and destruction to property in that unhappy land and carried with it the grave risk that the conflict might be widened and extended. In our efforts to find a formula for peace, we were aware of the supreme debt the world will always owe to the dead of many lands who fought and died in the United Nations cause. We therefore undertook our work of peace-making in the shadow of the sorrow and loss of those in Canada and other countries who had been bereaved.

The success of the collective action against aggression in Korea was made possible because of the agreement of an overwhelming majority of the U.N. member nations to support the decision to resist aggression and the determination of 16 of these nations to back up their decision with the lives of their soldiers. Korea demonstrated more clearly than ever before that peace and security are hard-won things.

Korea has put a price tag on peace!

Canada's role in Korea has been an honourable one. Our country contributed to the Unified Command the fourth largest number of armed forces, including those of South Korea itself. Our cash contribution to Korean relief and