

## THE PROBLEM OF WANT

Disarmament deserves high priority in our deliberations because it seeks to remove the means of waging war. The Acting Secretary General has emphasized in his Annual Report the need to eradicate the basic causes of war - poverty, famine and disease. The economic and social work of the United Nations goes along so quietly that it does not always receive the public attention it deserves. And yet success in raising living standards in the less-developed areas and in expanding and stabilizing world trade may, in the long run, determine the question of war or peace.

The role of the United Nations in providing an effective framework for economic and social development is well established. There will, I am sure, be no disagreement over the importance of the various assistance programmes. These essential activities must be adequately supported. In the Decade of Development we should strive to make increasingly effective use of existing institutions. For its part, the Canadian Government will continue to support these United Nations efforts and at the same time to maintain our bilateral aid programmes.

The promotion of sound trading conditions is at least as important as the provision of aid. In fact, the recent Commonwealth Conference considered that - and I quote from the communiqué - "improved opportunities and conditions for trade are even more important than financial aid".

Canada has sought in the United Nations and outside to promote international arrangements and institutions - for example GATT - which would encourage the expansion of trade on a multi-lateral and non-discriminatory basis. This will be our attitude in examining the Economic and Social Council's recommendation for a Conference on Trade and Development in 1964.

Such a conference will provide one opportunity for a discussion on strengthening the world trading system. While some