

there can be no co-operation. Without debate there can be no reconciliation. Moreover, the United Nations was able to bring about a ceasefire in the Middle East and the United Nations did assume responsibility for South West Africa. The fact that we proceed slowly and that frequent stops have to be made on the way should not be blamed on the vehicle, but on the road we have to travel.

All of us subscribe to the high ideals of the Charter by the very fact of our membership. Where we go wrong and where we are apt to be disappointed is in putting **these** ideals into practice. Clearly, there must be a willingness to negotiate compromises. I am encouraged by the fact that at the two Special Sessions of the Assembly this year there were genuine and persistent efforts on all sides to negotiate. Failure to reach agreement was perhaps understandable in the circumstances. What we must ensure is that we do not accept frustration; on the contrary we must make frustration a spur to further efforts in the continuing search for agreement on outstanding issues.

This morning I shall review the main areas of concern to the United Nations at the present time, to point out where we have made progress in other areas and to suggest ways in which we can develop our common interest in realizing the principles and purposes of the Charter.

Middle East

The Middle East is of major concern to the United Nations at this time. My country has followed developments there with anxiety for the future of this historic area of the world and with sympathy for the thousands of innocent people who are, as always, the first victims of war. Canada has been directly involved in the affairs of the Middle East through our membership on the Security Council and our participation in the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. We are a major contributor to the programme of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. Nothing illustrates better the vital contribution the United Nations has made to the area than the fact that two of these organizations continue to have an indispensable function to perform in relieving suffering and helping to maintain a relative tranquility.

It is clear, nevertheless, that we have failed to establish the foundations for a lasting peace. The securing of such a settlement has been Canada's abiding concern ever since 1947. We witnessed the opportunity slip away in 1949.