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Javier Pérez de Cuéllar spoke of "the strong links which have existed between the Canadian Government and people and the United Nations ever since the signing of the Charter." While there have been many distinguished Canadians involved with the Organization at government and diplomatic levels, they have been backed up by large numbers of people within the general public who support the UN in one way or another. Presented here is a cross section of that large body of the Canadian public that continues to be supportive and involved.

UN Seminar of the Atlantic



Richard Marjan



Aden Bowman Collegiate: garage sale



Tracey Balon



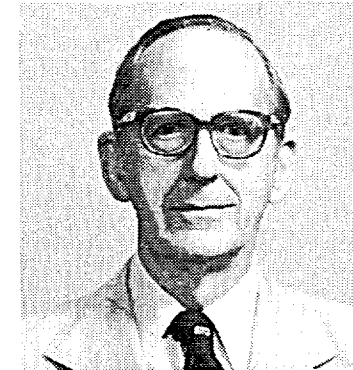
Yvonne Kupsch



J. Angaangaq Lyberth



Liana Wolf Ear



Michael Clark

Back in 1962 they raised \$400, and each year since then students at **Aden Bowman Collegiate** in Saskatoon have put on everything from rock concerts to pie-eating contests to raise funds for UNICEF. Added up over the years, the total comes to \$133,000, making Aden Bowman the leading school in the country for assistance to children in developing countries. **Tracey Balon**, who chaired the school's UN-UNICEF committee, says that "the large response was overwhelming" to the school's most recent event, a garage sale that raised \$17,000. "The 40th anniversary of the United Nations," she said, "is definitely something to be proud of. As a young Canadian, I've been told that the youth of today will become the leaders of tomorrow. Aden Bowman proved that through UNICEF, which is only one of the many links that make the UN one of the most important initiatives in world affairs. Congratulations UN, you make the world a better place!"

A native of Saskatoon **Yvonne Kupsch** is working at UN headquarters in New York on a new international forestry programme known as The Tree Project. She comments on the experience: "I've come to believe in the critical role that grassroots organizations in developing countries can play in community development work. There's no question that the UN is still the best forum for this kind of international networking." Reflecting on the 40th anniversary, Kupsch suggests that "For the UN to operate effectively, it requires the continued collaboration of the nations and citizens of the world."

1. Non-governmental organization (NGO) refers to religious, community, academic, social service, labour and research groups. There are several thousand such groups in Canada, many with an active interest in UN activities.

"The principles of the United Nations, if applied as intended in a consultative manner by all nations, would resolve a lot of the international crisis," says **J. Angaangaq Lyberth** of Frobisher Bay. In the late 1970s, he assisted in presenting various concerns of the Inuit to the UN, including the question of UNESCO's recognition of Inuit cultural heritage.

"The structure of the UN is an avenue that allows people from different countries to cross over cultural and physical barriers and come together," as they did at this summer's conference marking the end of the UN Decade for Women which **Liana Wolf Ear** attended. She was in Nairobi as part of the Canadian NGO¹ delegation. Back home in B.C., she recalls that "one of the most significant elements of the conference's NGO Forum was the very strong point of unity that women found in the critical need for world peace."

Now back in Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia **Michael Clark** has long been active in UN activities. Most recently he served as Director of Information at the United Nations University in Tokyo, and continues to serve on the Board of Directors of UNICEF Canada. Mr. Clark notes that "The mechanism for peace and international cooperation is there. For the United Nations to work, there must be a will to make it work, and some part of the responsibility for that falls on every one of us".