

principles for the disposal of surplus agricultural commodities, is of major importance to my Delegation. This section provides the kind of protection the distinguished representative of Argentina has stated must be available at all stages during consideration of this subject. These principles, which have been worked out in co-operation with representatives of all the different interests involved, clearly involve a protection of normal commercial trade in agricultural commodities and also provide that agricultural surpluses should not be disposed of in such a way as to damage agricultural development in the less-developed countries.

#### CANADIAN POSITION

"Operative paragraph 6 is perhaps more closely related to the Canadian position than any other part of this resolution. My Government, as I have indicated, has views that are clearly on the record which it intends to press vigorously in the FAO. Nevertheless, the language of paragraph 6 clearly provides that the FAO will be requested to study 'the feasibility and acceptability of additional arrangements'. This paragraph clearly does not preclude the submission of other proposals in the FAO by other members.

"Canada has always opposed wasteful duplication of effort in international organizations and members of this Committee can take it for granted that we should not have supported language that would create conflict between the FAO organization and the United Nations organization itself or between their respective secretariats. We should anticipate that the studies coming forward under operative paragraphs 7 and 8 would be fully coordinated, so as to avoid duplication...."

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#### COLOMBO PLAN DELEGATION

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has announced that the Canadian delegation to the annual meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Colombo Plan will be headed by the Fisheries Minister, J. Angus MacLean.

This year's conference will be held in Tokyo, Japan, from November 14 to 17, and will be preceded by a meeting of officials beginning on October 31.

The delegation will include representatives from the Departments of External Affairs, Finance, and Trade and Commerce.

The conference, which will be attended by representatives of the 17 participating governments of the Colombo Plan, is held each year in one of the member countries. The purpose of these meetings is to review the economic development in the Colombo Plan countries in South and Southeast Asia, and, on the basis of this review, to define the broad objectives that the Colombo Plan programme should attempt to achieve in coming years.

#### THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE PUBLIC

Addressing the Third (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) Committee of the United Nations on October 14, the Canadian representative, Mrs. H.H. Steen, stated that she wished "to join the other co-sponsors" in introducing a draft resolution on "The Teaching of the Purposes and Principles, the Structure and Activities, of the United Nations and its Related Agencies". The Canadian Delegation, she added, had been pleased by the account in the Report of the Economic and Social Council of the progress made in "the teaching of the work of the United Nations and what it stands for...". Mrs. Steen's address continued as follows:

"....I wish to say immediately that the Canadian Delegation shares the Council's belief in the importance of teaching about the United Nations and its related agencies as expressed in Resolution 748, which ECOSOC unanimously adopted at its twenty-ninth session. Each country has, of course, somewhat different constitutional and educational machinery with which to deal, and in Canada, where education is the responsibility of the provincial governments, the Government of Canada promotes the teaching and understanding of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies through the encouragement of the interested voluntary organizations rather than by direct government action. Each year, therefore, the Canadian Government makes a financial grant to the United Nations Association in Canada to assist it in its task of informing the public of the purposes, principles and work of the United Nations generally. As this organization is the main, indeed the central, one of its kind in Canada, the Canadian Government also maintains liaison with it in its many educational and information activities, often collaborating with it on occasions, such as United Nations Day, and providing certain information materials on Canada's role in the United Nations.

#### CANADIAN UN ASSOCIATION

"For its part, the United Nations Association in Canada, through its national branch offices, carries out a number of functions:

- (1) It distributes United Nations information publications throughout the country in the absence of a United Nations information centre in Canada;
- (2) It publishes a number of regular pamphlets such as the *Newsletter* and *World Review* designed for the public at large and also for the schools and has put out a Student Handbook called 'The UN in Your High School';
- (3) It carries on a number of miscellaneous activities, such as the organization of student UN Clubs, model UN Assemblies, university and school seminars, speaking tours, and so on;

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