

This was the thought behind the Prime Minister's suggestion to the General Assembly in September, 1963, that interested governments should examine the problems and techniques of peace-keeping operations.

This is the purpose behind the Ottawa meeting. Most of the participants will be military men with experience of United Nations operations. Some will be civilians with an interest in the practical problems of peace-keeping. They will meet informally for a frank and confidential discussion of these problems - the kind that come up and have to be resolved on every occasion when the United Nations undertakes a peace-keeping operation.

We anticipate that the discussions will take place in three working groups. They will discuss such questions affecting the work of United Nations peace-keeping forces as:

- Composition, command, control and liaison;
- Training and operational problems;
- Environmental operating information;
- Logistic support;
- Personnel administration;
- Public relations;
- Accounting procedures; and
- Legal problems.