

Mr. Beaudoin on Teaching of U.N. Principles: Following is text of statement by Mr. L.R. Beaudoin, M.P., on the Norwegian resolution regarding the teaching of the principles of the United Nations Charter, in the Third Committee of United Nations Organization, on Monday, November 10, 1947: "I would like to state the position of my Delegation in connection with this proposal. It recommends the teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations in the schools of member states, with particular emphasis on such instruction in elementary and secondary schools.

"In Canada, under our system of Confederation, there is a federal Government and nine provincial Legislative Assemblies. By our constitution, the Government of each province has complete and exclusive jurisdiction and control over educational matters.

"Therefore, everyone will understand that my Government could not, if this proposal is adopted, take measures to encourage the teaching of the United Nations Charter, etc. in the schools of Canada.

"We will refrain from expressing our opinion on the merits of the proposal. If it is adopted, my Government will gladly transmit the recommendation to the proper authorities in each of our nine provincial Governments. As it is from them, and for them only; to decide what to do, as far as its implementation is concerned, my Government will gladly communicate to the Secretary-General whatever information our provincial Governments will care to send in as to the measures or steps, if any, taken by them to implement the recommendation. The contribution of my Government would necessarily be confined to acting as correspondent between the Secretary-General and the competent authorities over educational matters in Canada, namely, our nine provincial Governments.

"I am sure that the Honourable Delegate of Norway, who introduced the proposal, and other members of this Committee will understand and appreciate the scrupulous respect which my Government entertains towards provincial rights.

"It has been suggested that the proposal be amended by adding such words as: 'Within the framework of their constitution.' We do not think that an amendment of this form would change our position. We contend that such an amendment is unnecessary because anything that we do here must be, and it cannot be otherwise, within the framework of our respective constitutions. This view has already been expressed by the head of our delegation in the First Committee.

"We feel, Sir, that the proper course for us to follow is to abstain on the Norwegian proposal and amendments to it."

Retail Sales up 16 per cent: Recording the largest monthly gain so far this year, retail sales in September rose 16 per cent over the level of the corresponding month last year and were eight per cent higher than in August, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.