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PAYING FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD

On October 4, Brigadier John H. Price, the Canadian member of the Fifth Committee of the United Nations, addressed the Committee as follows on the current problems of financing the world organization:

"...The technical nature of the discussions of this Committee should create an atmosphere of objectivity rather than emotionalism, which I am sure will make it comparatively easy for us to work with harmony and with the spirit of co-operation that was so apparent to me among our members last year. Perhaps it would not be amiss to emphasize the essentially non-political nature of the Fifth Committee's responsibilities. This Committee's three primary tasks are: First, to arrange for the provision of adequate funds to enable the United Nations to carry out effectively its tasks as determined by the General Assembly and the Security Council; second, to provide a degree of co-ordination in the allocation of scarce resources for activities of demonstrated priority; and third, to consider administrative questions relating to the organization and financing of the Secretariat. My Delegation believes that the only consideration of a political nature that should concern us here is the necessity of maintaining and increasing the effectiveness of this dynamic international organization.

ROLE OF FIFTH COMMITTEE

"Member states have worked diligently over the past 17 years to build up patiently an effective organization for the benefit of mankind. The Fifth Committee's role is to ensure that this organization is provided with the resources it requires to maintain the confidence the people of the world have in the

ability of the United Nations to fulfill effectively its aims and purposes according to the Charter. Historically, this Committee's task has not been an easy one. This has been due to the increasing demands made upon the organization as its membership increased from 51 in 1945 to 108 in 1962 and when it has been called upon to engage in a number of important operations for the maintenance of peace and security in widely scattered areas of the world. This Committee's objective has been, and is, to ensure that available resources are allocated to those programmes of the highest priority which will produce maximum benefits for mankind. In performing our responsibilities, we have to strike a balance between the demands made upon the organization, the supply of resources available and the benefits which will result from particular activities. Balancing these three factors in considering numerous projects in the economic, social, humanitarian and peace-keeping fields is an extremely difficult task. If it has not always been possible to meet all the demands made upon the United Nations, members should not feel that the organization is losing its ability to cope with new situations.

PERIOD OF STABILIZATION

"The United Nations, like all organisms, goes through various stages in its evolution. Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, in his speech to the General Assembly on September 25, said ... : 'The underlying need in United Nations affairs is for stability'. By stability Canada does not have in mind a stagnant or static organization. Furthermore, we do not mean a condition that might be described

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