

Hon. L. B. PEARSON, M.P.,

Secretary of State for External Affairs.

In accordance with the provisions of the Department of External Affairs Act, I have the honour to submit, for presentation to Parliament, the forty-fifth annual report of the Department, covering the calendar year 1954.

The report begins with a general survey of the year's developments and then reviews events affecting Canadian policy within the three principal international associations of which this country is a member: the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the Commonwealth. Developments in other countries and their effect on Canada are outlined in the chapters on the major geographical areas. These are followed by chapters on the legal, consular, economic, and information work of the Department and on its organization and administration. The report concludes with seven appendices which may be found useful for reference purposes.

It gives me pleasure to express my satisfaction with the manner in which the members of the staff have discharged their duties.

**JULES LÉGER**

*Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs*

OTTAWA, January 17, 1955.