

PREFACE

Canada and the United Nations is intended to be a current work of reference, which it is hoped will be useful to students of public affairs, in Canada and elsewhere, who may not have ready access either to the primary sources themselves or to the *United Nations Year Book*. Special attention is of course given to the statement of Canadian policy on specific issues, as it has been expressed at the United Nations or developed in response to the various calls made upon this country. Limitations of space prevent the reprinting of the texts of Canadian speeches stating or explaining policy. In any case, the most important of them are available in the two documentary series put out by the Department of External Affairs and listed in the appendices. Current developments necessarily occupy most of the booklet, a limited amount of background material being introduced only where it is necessary to set a subject in an intelligible perspective.

The events described in the present volume fall chiefly in the period July 1, 1953 - June 30, 1954, during which the General Assembly held its resumed seventh session (August 17-28) and its eighth session (September 15-December 9, 1953) and the Economic and Social Council its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions. Mr. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. Alcide Côté, Postmaster General, were Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Delegation to the eighth session of the Assembly. Canada is not at present a member of ECOSOC, and therefore sent no delegations to its sessions. Further details regarding sessions of the various United Nations bodies and Canadian membership in them are given in Appendices I and II.

A list of the abbreviations used in the text for the names of the various United Nations organs is given on the following page.