

In other words, UNICEF has not contented itself with simply continuing along established patterns but has constantly sought to improve its service to the needy children of the world. I note in this regard that the Executive Board at its session next June intends to undertake "a systematic review of children's needs and the opportunities for action in order to determine more precisely the most important areas requiring national efforts and international aid in the future, and the best ways of giving such aid". I also note that this survey is to be made on the basis of an analysis prepared by the Executive Director in consultation with the Specialized Agencies and taking into account the views of recipient countries as to their own priority needs.

UNICEF's changing outlook and its great reputation for providing effective assistance has meant that demands made upon it continue to be pressing.

I do not pretend to know how the increased financial resources which will be required to meet these demands are to be obtained in these days when heavy demands are being made on national budgets from so many other directions. The distinguished delegate of the USSR and others have suggested that savings from disarmament are one source of funds for economic and social programmes of this kind. As Committee members know, Canada has devoted a great deal of energy to the problem of disarmament and does not intend to give up its efforts to ensure that agreement on disarmament is achieved for the benefit of mankind. Obviously we would be the first to welcome any increase in resources that might result from disarmament. However, in the absence of agreement on disarmament and the implementation of actual disarmament measures, it is obviously fruitless to speculate on the scope of the resources which disarmament might help to release for these programmes, and it may even be harmful since it diverts attention from the exploration of more immediate ways and means of obtaining the much needed resources.

My Government is constantly reviewing its many commitments to international aid programmes to determine what assistance it can give.