

First: the dispute over Kashmir;

Second: the war in Vietnam;

Third: the maintenance and strengthening of the peace-keeping and the peace-building capacity of the United Nations;

Fourth: disarmament and containment of the nuclear threat;

Fifth: means of maintaining the momentum of the international assault on poverty, ignorance and disease.

Before commenting on each of these problems, I would begin by saying that in Canada's view, the primary concern of the United Nations General Assembly must be with the disputes which at this moment are disturbing international relationships with incalculable consequences for world peace. It is a sobering reflection that twenty years after the foundation of an organization intended to establish and maintain peace and security we should have been confronted with wars, tragic in their reality and alarming in their implications.

How can we devote the attention which we all want to apply to the economic and social developments and to promotion of fruitful international cooperation when before us is the appalling spectacle of death and waste in war? Our spectrum of anxiety is world-wide for war in any region is an affront to our insistence on peace and a challenge to our crusade for collective security and human betterment.

Are we in danger of forgetting the harsh lessons of the past? How many times have we heard it proclaimed that war