

than any other single nation. In consequence, we have developed in Canada a very large corps of both civil and military observers highly experienced in this specialized type of work. Although we do not believe that a standing United Nations force in being is a practicable possibility today, we do maintain in Canada a battalion earmarked for service with the United Nations should the necessity arise.

Through our membership in the Security Council, we have played an active and, I believe, constructive part in the Laotian crisis and are gratified that our preference for the establishment of some form of continuing United Nations representation in that disturbed country has already been in part realized (thanks to the courageous efforts of Mr. Hammarskjold, the United Nations Secretary-General).

#### 7. Membership in the 10 Power Disarmament Committee

Related to Canada's United Nations work, but nevertheless to be pursued in an outside forum, is the important part Canada is to play as a member of the new disarmament committee. We have accepted the invitation of the United States, United Kingdom, France and the Soviet Union to participate in the work of this 10-power disarmament negotiating committee -- the other four Western members being the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Italy. The activities of this committee, which will, we hope commence early in the new year, are intended not to replace but to supplement the responsibility of the United Nations in the field of disarmament. We shall at all times bear in mind that disarmament is a matter which deeply concerns great, middle and small powers alike.

Disarmament is a subject of special significance to Canada. Geographically we lie between the two nuclear super-powers; we are, in a sense, the ham in the sandwich -- and have no desire to be "minced". Continued tension heightens the peril in which our geography places us and gives us special reason to spare no effort to bring about a lessening of world tensions. We welcome the improved atmosphere which has resulted from the visits of Prime Minister Macmillan to Moscow and Premier Khrushchev to the United States and we look forward to the further progress in this direction which will result from the Soviet leader's visit to Paris and President Eisenhower's return visit to Moscow. Canada believes that the present detente offers a new opportunity for progress in the field of disarmament and intends to press towards that objective through its participation in the 10-power committee,

These are the seven pictures -- our ties with the United Kingdom and France, our membership in the Commonwealth, our relations with the United States, our friendship with Latin America, partnership in NATO, our role in the United Nations and finally our membership in the 10-power disarmament committee. Others might be added but from these seven you will understand why I said in opening that Canada faces a great challenge in world affairs.