

have been in a particularly good position to supply answers to these questions.

Well, to start with, the site was acquired with the \$8,500,000 donated to the U.N. by John D. Rockefeller Jr. The building was constructed at a cost of approximately \$67,000,000. The Budget Estimates, as presented by the Secretary-General for the year 1953, amounted to a gross total of \$47,765,200*— against this was estimated income of \$6,112,500 — leaving a net budget of \$41,652,700.

"Where does the money come from" — This needs to be answered more fully so that the picture will be clear. There are 60 countries enjoying U.N. membership and on each of the six committees there is a representative of each country. Then there is the Committee on Contributions, composed of nine members selected on a geographical basis, whose duty it is to meet annually and prepare a rate of contributions or assessments, based broadly on "capacity to pay". This Committee has before it a statement called "comparative income per head of population" and this plays an important part in arriving at the scale of assessment of each country. Another important factor must be borne in mind — "temporary dislocation of national economies arising out of the Second World War". Perhaps I could not do better than to illustrate with the figures for Canada. The recommended scale for us is 3.30% of total budget, which on \$44,000,000 would be \$1,452,000. Since our last census shows that Canada's population is slightly more than 14,000,000,

*The gross budget finally approved.....	\$48,327,700
The estimated income	\$ 6,238,200
The estimated net expenditure.....	\$42,089,500

this would work out to a Canadian contribution of 10 cents for each man, woman and child — surely a low rate of insurance for an effort to maintain peace throughout the world, or among the member-nations of the U.N.

Purposes and Principles

But someone else might ask — yes, you have told us about the buildings, the cost of administration, and the manner in which assessments are made, but tell us in a word as to the *purposes* and *principles* of the United Nations — To this I would say in the language of the Charter: "To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppressions of acts of aggression". It is an effort to save this and succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind.

Aim of Canadian Delegation

To promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom — this is the aim of every member of the Canadian Delegation, and, I believe the thought of practically every other nation's delegation attending the seventh session. I wish every Canadian, in every walk of life, could learn more of the aims and purposes of the United Nations. I wish more Canadians could see the Canadian Delegation at work.

I conclude this statement as I began — "It's wonderful, it seems fantastic, tell me more about it" — These are some of my views and impressions.