

CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(EIGHTEENTH SESSION)

RELEASE ON DELIVERY

Press Release No. 14

PLEASE CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

October 28, 1963

Press Office

750 Third Avenue

YUkon 6-5740



STATEMENT BY
SENATOR T. D'ARCY LEONARD,
THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FIFTH COMMITTEE,
DURING DEBATE ON ITEM 58: 1964 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Mr. Chairman,

My Delegation has listened with considerable interest to the statements made by the Secretary-General, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee and by the distinguished representatives who have already spoken on the 1964 Budget Estimates. Many of the previous speakers have concentrated on several important matters relating to the Organization's ability to respond effectively to the problems which it will face in 1964. I propose instead to concentrate more on problems which are perhaps not yet fully recognized but which in future will become more difficult to resolve unless corrective action is taken now. As long as they exist these problems threaten the ability of the United Nations to meet the challenges which are likely to confront us in the future. Therefore, it seems to my Delegation that ⁱⁿ consideration of the 1964 budget, we should give attention not only to the requirements for sound operation in the coming year, but also to the need to shape the Organization's future development so that it may be better able to fulfil its primary tasks under the Charter. This will require coordination, planning, organization, and preparation on a scale not yet attempted within the United Nations family. It is not enough to limit ourselves to defining what kind of an organization we desire in 1964: what we should be asking ourselves is what kind of an organization we want in the future.

It is the common aim of all members of this Committee that the United Nations and its related organs should be effective international instruments for positive action in carrying out the decisions of the appropriate and competent organs. In particular, the small and medium-sized countries, such as Canada, have come to believe that a strong United Nations is one of the best guarantees for their development and independence in a peaceful world. If this belief is correct, what should we be doing now to ensure that our hopes and aspirations do not become idle dreams? My Delegation believes that our first and foremost task is to