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An address by Hon. A.G.L. McNaughton,  
 Delegate of Canada to the United  
 Nations, to the United Nations Summer  
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 School for Social Research, New York  
 City, August 2, 1948.

It is a pleasure for me to speak to this group this afternoon on Canada's policy in the United Nations. I have been asked to give the viewpoint of my Government on all issues which have come before the United Nations. In the time at my disposal, however, it would be manifestly impossible for me to deal adequately with all the many and serious controversial issues which have come before the United Nations and to comment on the position of my Government concerning these issues. I shall, with your permission, therefore deal with the broad basis of my Government's policy in regard to the United Nations and shall discuss that policy in more detail as it affects one very important field of activity of the United Nations — namely the attempt to secure a system of collective security.

In doing this I shall mention more particularly the attitude of my Government towards the international control of atomic energy; the question of disarmament; the implementation of Article 43 of the Charter; and the establishment of regional pacts for collective self-defence under Article 51 of the Charter. In following this procedure I shall therefore not touch on many important political issues which have come before the United Nations — such as the question of Palestine; the problem of Indonesia; the Czechoslovak question; the problem of the veto and many other equally important subjects. If, however, at the end of my speech, you wish to ask me questions on any of these subjects, I shall be glad to place myself at your disposal.

General Canadian Policy Towards the United Nations

Canada's policy towards the United Nations is, perhaps, most concisely stated in an extract from a speech delivered by our present Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Hon. Louis S. St. Laurent, in Toronto, January 13, 1947:

"The growth in this country of a sense of political responsibility on an international scale has perhaps been less rapid than some of us would like. It has nevertheless been a perceptible growth; and again and again on the major questions of participation in international organization, both in peace and war, we have taken our decision to be present. If there is one conclusion that our common experience has led us to accept, it is that security for this country lies in the development of a firm structure of international organization."