

HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

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Readers' Corner

During March, *Canada World View* held focus groups across the country. Among other things, you told us you would like to see a column where you could express your comments, suggestions, criticisms and ideas about Canada's foreign policy and about this magazine. We're happy to do as you asked and to bring you this column, **your** column. Please send your letters to:

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DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

Canada has been elected six times to a non-permanent seat on the **UN Security Council**. Canada served two-year terms in 1948-49, 1958-59, 1967-68, 1977-78 and 1989-90. It is currently serving on the Council until December 31, 2000.

More than **50 Canadian Missions** abroad now have their own **Web sites**, which can put you in touch with foreign governments, international organizations, businesses, educational resources, and other sources of information and contacts. They can also give valuable **assistance** as you prepare for your next trip to a foreign destination. To access the sites, go to the Department's Web site (www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca), and click on "The World" and then on "Embassies and Missions".

Under a 1952 resolution of the General Assembly, a permanent **United Nations Disarmament Commission** was established in Geneva with six **permanent** members: **Canada**, China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States.

A preoccupation with international peace is not new to Canadian youth. At the **World Youth Congress in Geneva in August 1936**, the Canadian delegation was led by **Paul Martin Sr.**, who was then Member of Parliament for Essex East and was later to become Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Accompanying him were MPs from all parties plus representatives of church groups, YMCAs and other interested bodies. The World Youth Congress was held under the auspices of the Federation of League of Nations Societies. It provided an opportunity for young people from all over the world to demonstrate their **opposition to war**.

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Planned for late May, our next issue will focus on the Americas, particularly the OAS General Assembly in Windsor from June 4 to 6, plus Canada's relations with our hemispheric neighbours.

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