

establishment of an embassy is the logical culmination of this development. It is probable that embassies will be established at least in the larger United Nations, if those nations desire to reciprocate. Canada is now prepared to change the status of all her offices abroad from legations to embassies if it is desirable to do so.

Reasons for this Step

1. Raising to rank of embassy the missions of even the smallest Central American republics has placed Canada in an anomalous position.
2. Canada wishes to keep in step with the international trend towards removing the distinction between embassies and legations by doing away with the latter.
3. It is desirable to avoid misunderstanding as to the status of Canadian representatives abroad. It might have been assumed that the Canadian representative in Washington was equal in status to the United Kingdom ministers there but not to the United Kingdom ambassador.