

governments or quasi-governmental organizations. Obviously the relevance of International Cooperation Year to governments will depend on the nature of their societies.

Canada expects that International Cooperation Year will stimulate a multitude of personal and group activities in the international field - activities which should give increased meaning and significance to each group involved. But International Cooperation Year itself should be greater and more significant than the sum of these discrete activities. The analogy with a symphony has some explanatory value. A symphony is played by an orchestra comprising usually more than one hundred instruments. Played separately, the notes scored for each instrument create little effect. Played together the net effect may be sublime. While each single act of cooperation generated by International Cooperation Year may seem to be of insignificant value, we believe the sum total could be most impressive.

It may be of interest to members if I mention something of the preliminary preparations in Canada in connection with International Cooperation Year. As soon as the report of the Preparatory Committee was published, the U.N. Association of Canada took the initiative of convening a meeting of national voluntary organizations having a potential interest in the International Cooperation Year. The representatives of these organizations in turn appointed an Interim Steering Committee which is now exploring the implications of International Cooperation Year for voluntary organizations in Canada. It is possible that this Steering Committee will recommend the establishment of a Canadian Committee for International Cooperation Year open to all voluntary organizations in Canada which have an interest in promoting International Cooperation Year. It will be for the Canadian Committee to decide how to conduct its activities. As a committee formed by voluntary organizations, it will be completely independent. It is to be assumed that its principal function will be to coordinate the activities of the constituent organizations rather than itself to initiate activities. A possible exception might be the Committee's role in publicizing International Cooperation Year in Canada.