U.N. should be able to rule war out of existence and that if
the present charter is inadequate for this purpose then it
should be amended as necessary. The assumption behind this
opinion is that the logic of the requirement is so obvious that
it could not fail to win general approval. Of course it also
assumes that peoples and nations the world over see the
deficiences of the present Charter and the need for reform with
the same eyes as those of Canadians. Such, alas, is not the
case.

I have already pointed out that the ideas which dominated the United Nations during its early years were western. The Charter itself is essentially a European document. Most of the delegations responsible for drafting the Charter were of European origin and the concepts they were seeking to express were European ideas. Thus, while intellectually they recognized that saving succeeding generations from the scourge of war, and the economic and social betterment of mankind were opposite sides of the