

UNDER UN FLAG: As the year ended, Canadian soldiers were serving under the flag of the United Nations in four of the world's trouble spots in the role of international policemen.

The commitment in Egypt had captured most of the headlines in the closing months of the year. But the Army's role in Indochina, Palestine and Korea continued, as it had for several years past.

In Indochina, some 180 officers and men were serving in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia as members of the International Truce Supervisory Commissions. Working under conditions often completely foreign to Westerners, their job was one requiring a high degree of diplomacy, endurance and devotion to duty.

In Korea, a small group of men, mainly Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps remained on the job, the last of more than 28,000 Canadian soldiers to serve in the Far East since 1950. They are providing medical services for the remaining British Commonwealth troops in the area.

In Palestine, a small group of officers remained on the job--as they had been before the current Middle East involvement began. Members of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization, they were policing the uneasy Palestine-Egyptian border.

AGREEMENT SIGNED: Canada and the United States have officially joined forces to protect and conserve the valuable pink salmon runs of the Juan de Fuca--Fraser River area of the Pacific Coast. An agreement placing this resource under the management of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission was signed in Ottawa on behalf of their respective countries by the Hon. James Sinclair, Minister of Fisheries of Canada, and His Excellency T. Livingston Merchant, the United States Ambassador to Canada.

The agreement provides for a co-ordinated investigation by research agencies of the two

Governments and the conservation of pink salmon stocks which enter the waters described in the convention. It calls for a meeting in the seventh year after entry into force to review the results of the investigation and to determine what future arrangements concerning pink salmon conservation might be desirable.

The International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission presently consists of three representatives each from Canada and the United States. To cope with the additional responsibilities pertaining to the pink salmon agreement, the Commission's Advisory Committee will be increased by the addition of one member from each country in order to give broader representation from the industry.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES: New appointments as heads of Canadian diplomatic missions have been announced to take effect next spring:

Dr. Philippe Panneton, of Montreal, has been named Ambassador to Portugal to succeed the Hon. W.F.A. Turgeon, who is retiring from the Diplomatic service.

The present Ambassador to Greece and Israel Mr. T.W.L. MacDermot, has been named Canadian High Commissioner to Australia. He will replace Mr. W.A. Irwin, whose appointment as Ambassador to Brazil was announced recently.

Mr. R.A.D. Ford, who has been serving with the Department in Ottawa as Head of the European Division, has been appointed as Ambassador to Colombia. He succeeds Mr. Edmond Turcotte who has been on loan from the Department as one of the three commissioners for the Royal Commission on Broadcasting.

Mr. D. Leo Dolan, Director of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau since 1934, has been appointed Consul General at Los Angeles, to succeed Mr. L.G. Chance who will be retiring.

Mr. K.J. Burbridge, at present Minister-Counsellor of the Canadian Delegation to the North Atlantic Council in Paris, has been appointed Consul General at Seattle where he will succeed Mr. C.N. Senior, who is retiring from the service.