

the U.N. clearly felt in some countries with a long period of membership. I believe that though the Canadian people have always been basically sympathetic to the United Nations, to a certain extent they share this disillusion, and that the importance attached to the U.N. in the consideration of individual Canadians has deteriorated. I believe also that the main reason for this is perhaps a failure to realize the truth of President Arenales' statement - the United Nations can only achieve its objectives if its individual members are willing to take the appropriate action. I hope that the members of this seminar who, I am sure, understand why the United Nations has not measured up to all our original hopes and aspirations, will play a part in leading Canadian opinion towards an enlightened understanding of the difficulties which the U. N. faces and especially to an understanding that effective action by the U.N. is primarily the responsibility and obligation of the individual member states.

This leads me to the question of Canadian participation in the United Nations. Mr. Ignatieff has emphasized in the review and will again today that it is a draft for frank discussion. But I think I should make it clear at the outset that I accept his basic premise that Canada should continue to do everything in its power to support the U.N. in its efforts to fulfill the principles and purposes of the Charter, which remain as valid objectives today as they were twenty-four years ago. They are indeed the only principles possible to follow if the international community is to survive and to progress.

Last year when for the first time I participated in the General Debate, by which traditionally the General Assembly starts its business each year, I referred to many of the matters covered in this draft review. I spoke of the special efforts which Canada had made since 1945 to implement the principles of the Charter and to nurture the growth of the United Nations. I said too that Canada's contribution, as in the past, would continue to be pragmatic and realistic and be based on our assessment of what the situation required the United Nations to do and what Canada could best do in the fulfilment of its responsibilities as a faithful member of the United Nations. The review before you is such an assessment. Because of the nature and variety of the questions before the United Nations we thought it useful to put forward for your consideration specific recommendations on the major fields of United Nations action.

In keeping with the government's desire to have as full participation as possible in the review of foreign policy,