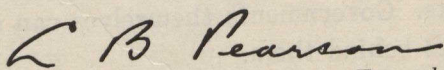


When Candide decided that the only solution to the world's perplexities was to forget them and to cultivate his garden in solitude, he did not have to reckon with the hydrogen bomb. Today, we cannot afford to forget the perplexities, nor dare we shirk the responsibility which lies upon us all in the search for world peace — the responsibility to know truly, to think clearly and to act with fortitude. From informed public opinion, which accepts without despair the grim realities of our times and does not count upon any magic formula to change those realities overnight, the United Nations will draw its most enduring support and its best help in realizing the hopes and purposes set forth in the Charter.

My specific comments on the year's events, which I have this year given at more length than usual, may be found in the General Survey which stands as Section I of *Canada and the United Nations 1953-54*.



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