

general picture of Canadian relations with other countries and to the problem of world security, so that the Government and the Canadian Parliament may have the necessary information on which to base their decisions as to Canadian foreign policy.

I have mentioned the multiplicity of United Nations activities and the necessary increase in personnel on our part to meet our new obligations in international affairs to give you some idea of the extent to which Canada has had to look abroad and to develop in a great hurry the techniques for maintaining her position in world affairs. We are engaged at one and the same time as a member of the Economic and Social Council in consideration of a great many long-range plans, often technical in nature, for the greater prosperity of the world, and, as a member of the Security Council, in consideration of the most immediate and distressing political conflicts. Our representatives often have to concern themselves with the accuracy of a detail in a proposal and the next minute with the most fundamental questions of national policy. This being the case, it is clear that general public interest in and understanding of Canada's external affairs is essential if Canada is to have a clear and resolute voice in international affairs. Called on to make judgments in almost every field of human endeavour and every level of importance, there are a certain number of decisions which can be left to experts both in the government and in private bodies who understand the technical problems involved, but the basic problems of peace and war must be finally dealt with by the general electorate. Membership in the United Nations does not mean only a way of handling a wide range of the relations between states. It involves loyalty to a concept of collective security. That loyalty entails serious obligations, among them the final one of having to be ready to join in war to prevent an aggressor from flouting the will of the organization, in whatever part of the world the aggression may take place. That is so grave a responsibility that those of us particularly concerned in the conduct of Canada's foreign policy must continually bring before the people whom they serve the nature of these responsibilities and the policies which are being followed by the Canadian Government as a result of them.

At the present time, there is general support in Parliament for Canada's following a United Nations policy. We agree to pursue our external policies where necessary within the framework of and always according to the spirit of that organization. We shall have to base our actions in the economic field on the code of international trade now being put in final shape. We must submit legal disputes in which we may be concerned to the International Court of Justice. We are dealing with international questions such as civil aviation, health, food supplies, labour, financial policy, telecommunication, postal services, refugees and shipping through the appropriate United Nations specialized agency. We have agreed to accept the decisions of the Security Council and the recommendations of the General Assembly. We contribute to the general budget of the United Nations. We accept the full responsibilities of membership in each one of the many branches of the organization to which we belong. We do all of these things because we believe that enlightened self-interest demands them. We benefit directly from world peace and prosperity. We could not avoid suffering directly and heavily from world wars. While we fully realize the many difficulties facing this new Organization, we nevertheless feel that it offers the soundest base for our foreign policy.

We have sufficient faith in the United Nations and a sufficiently strong desire to do something about world peace that we have recently accepted the responsibilities of membership in the Security Council and are now concerned directly with the solution of such complex and tragic problems as the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir, the implementation of the partition plan in Palestine,