

a peace-loving nation. We have won friends by lending generous assistance to less-developed nations both through bilateral aid programmes and multilateral ones under the United Nations auspices. Even the Communist states seem to regard us with less suspicion than they do most Western nations.

I might mention some aspects of Canadian participation in United Nations undertakings which have been occupying our attention at the current session of the General Assembly in New York. The Canadian initiative which has perhaps attracted the most attention was our proposal, eventually co-sponsored by ten other powers and unanimously endorsed by the Assembly membership, to encourage the world-wide collection and central collation of more accurate information on radiation. We took this initiative in the knowledge that even if nations agree to stop testing nuclear weapons, the problem of radiation will not vanish. It seems imperative that the substantial gaps which exist in our knowledge of this frightening phenomenon should be filled and that research into the biological effects of radiation should be based upon the fullest and most reliable information possible. I was greatly heartened by the enthusiasm with which the Canadian people greeted our initiative and by the complete support it received in the United Nations.

In other and perhaps less spectacular matters the Canadian Delegation has also been active. During the past year Canada has been a member of the Outer Space Committee, where useful work in the technical and legal spheres was accomplished. However, the Soviet Union declined to participate because of the make-up of the committee. If the committee is to succeed the Soviet Union must take part and accordingly some change in the composition of the committee is necessary. The Canadian Delegation has been applying itself to this problem and, of course, stands ready to participate fully in the committee's work when its new composition is agreed upon.

We have also continued our humanitarian contributions to the several United Nations programmes for refugees and took a lead, which we hope other nations will follow, in marking World Refugee Year with a special Canadian project for the admission to Canada of 100 tuberculous refugees and their families. In this endeavour the Federal Government has had the welcome support of some Provincial Governments and whole heartedly supports the National Committee for World Refugee War; shortly to launch its private campaign here in Toronto.

Towards United Nations efforts at peace-keeping and peace supervision, Canada continues to make a contribution in which, I think, we all can take pride. Our support for the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East continues undiminished and I believe it is true to say that we have contributed more manpower to various United Nations observation groups -- for example, in Palestine, Kashmir and Lebanon --