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of our hands, although I understand that the Canadian ambassador and the delegation presently in New York have been doing their best to make a compromise arrangement possible.

In regard to the United Nations, Mr. Chairman, and in the hope that it does continue—I believe all of us certainly hope that it does—there are one or two suggestions I would like to make to the minister. One is this. There has been a very successful operation of the United States of America in keeping a permanent representative at the United Nations, one who is basically non-political and also non-civil service. I refer to, latterly of course, Mr. Adlai Stevenson, and prior to that Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge; and there was formerly a senator from Vermont whose name escapes me for the moment.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Austin.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** Yes, Senator Warren Austin. These people did a very fine job. Now I see that the United Kingdom is making the same kind of approach in appointing Sir Hugh Foot, who has a great reputation at the United Nations and elsewhere, to a similar type of position. I would suggest that in view of our very great activity at the United Nations over the years Canada might consider the appointment of a similar kind of person who is not of a political nature or necessarily a member of the Department of External Affairs, but some distinguished Canadian. This would not preclude anybody from being appointed who may have had a political association or been in the Department of External Affairs; but I think if there were appointed somebody of the calibre of the men I have mentioned it would be very helpful to us, because they would be there for some time and would give our representation and work at the United Nations some continuity. I do not wish to deprecate by any means the very fine work done by our previous ambassadors to the United Nations.

When the general assembly of the United Nations meets next month I would hope Canada would have more projects to launch than she did last year. To be fair, last year the present government had not been long in office and it had many things on its mind; for example, those 60 days of action which they had to carry out at home. Therefore perhaps foreign affairs were a little neglected. But the minister has now been in office for some time, has been working very hard, and I would hope there would be a number of good, Canadian projects launched at the

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United Nations this year. For example, there was a project put through unanimously, eventually, at the United Nations several years ago with regard to the collection of radioactive fallout data from around the world. This data was to be collected, analysed and collated by the United Nations organization, and Canada at that time agreed to analyse the data collected by countries that did not have the facilities with which to analyse it. Burma, Ghana, Pakistan, I believe, and others, agreed to send these samples to Canada for analysis. I do not know whether this has been done or whether there have been sufficient facilities provided to undertake this work. Perhaps the minister could tell us about this. This type of thing is of particular importance now that the People's Republic of China have exploded a nuclear weapon and the fallout is coming down all over the world, even in this country. I believe this is something we should certainly continue to push at the United Nations.

**The Chairman:** Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but his time has expired; unless he has the consent of the committee to continue beyond his time.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** Mr. Chairman, I wish to thank the members of the committee, and I will terminate my remarks in about three minutes. The second matter I would like to raise in this regard is the question of the pay of Canadian troops in Cyprus. This matter has been brought before the house on other occasions by my colleague, the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert), who asked questions of the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Unfortunately the hon. member cannot be here; as hon. members know, he is co-chairman of the defence committee, which is meeting at the moment. He points out that Canadian troops in Cyprus are being paid at a rate which is so much lower than the other members of the United Nations force, which are being paid United Nations rates of pay. We are helping to contribute men to this force and to the pay of the armed forces of other countries serving in the United Nations force, but they are apparently receiving several times the rate of pay that our men are receiving. This is causing a considerable problem. I wish the minister would elucidate this or tell us that some adjustments will be made to the pay of our armed forces in that island. This situation seems very unfair, to say the least.