

danger that such operations, if supported by only a few nations, will lose their U.N. character? Alternatively is there a danger that a precedent will be created for using the U.N. to suit the particular interests of a few nations? Should we attempt to find a way of injecting new life in the moribund Military Staff Committee of the Security Council, or by doing so will we enhance the possibilities for veto action and at the same time weaken the position of the Secretary-General? I put these problems to you, not only because I'm interested in your views but also because I hope I have made it evident that they are problems which are not amenable to simple or sweeping solutions.

PRIORITIES OF PURPOSES

28. So much for peacekeeping. I want to talk next about another aspect of the Canadian attitude towards the U.N., - the order of priorities we attach to its aims and purposes. Canadians generally give first priority to the maintenance of peace. Perhaps the most frequently-expressed view in letters to the Minister for External Affairs from the Canadian public is that the