

We called for an appeal to the International Court in respect to the question of members' obligations regarding the very costly peace-keeping operations in which the United Nations is now engaged. Canadian acceptance of the Court's decision was naturally forthcoming, and, through our efforts in the Fifth Committee, steps have been taken which look very hopeful in respect to establishing a sound basis for the financial operations of the United Nations. In connection therewith, there comes into our minds what looks to be the happy solution of the vexatious Congo problem.

The United Nations General Assembly has seven committees operating for a period of three months and so ... it would be quite a simple thing for one to carry on for a long time discussing briefly but a very few of these important avenues of goodwill and important overtures to a better and more peaceful world....

It is recalled that a strong statement, which drew tremendous attention not only in Canada but elsewhere, was made by the Prime Minister in September 1960, and I would point out it was made in the presence of Mr. Khrushchov himself. Since that time, the present Government has dealt with that very important problem with consistency and persistency and has spoken out very strongly on a subject which should have been spoken on with greater strength long, long ago. It is just a little bit difficult to take when one hears the Soviet Union constantly denounce the United Kingdom and France on their colonial records; but last year, before the General Assembly, Canada suggested that the light of public opinion be thrown on the dark areas of tyranny within the Soviet Union. That was a strong statement of which Canadians may be very proud....

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