

- 1948 January (cont.) up to patrol it. A Canadian, General Angle, is UNMOGIP chief until killed in air crash in 1950. Plebiscite promised by India never takes place. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade comes into force.
- February Communist coup in Czechoslovakia. Soviet Union vetoes Council resolution to set up investigating committee.
- April Treaty signed establishing North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Canada presses for inclusion of non-military articles on social and economic collaboration.
- May 14 British pull out of Palestine mandate. State of Israel proclaimed. Fighting halted after several weeks through truce called for by Security Council. UN mediator Count Bernadotte assassinated in September in Jerusalem, but mediation by Dr. Ralph Bunche produces armistices between Israel and Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria (February to July 1949). UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) took over supervision of cease-fire and investigation of alleged breaches of armistice.
- June World Health Organization comes into being, and Dr. Chisholm is first director-general (until 1953).
- December General Assembly adopts Universal Declaration of Human Rights, first drafted by John Humphrey.
- 1949 March 23 Canada helps toward breakthrough in hostilities between Indonesian nationalists and Dutch. Trouble had flared intermittently since 1946. McNaughton's resolution, adopted by Council, leads to Round Table Conference and independence for Indonesia in December.
- October General Assembly creates the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine refugees in the near East. The first director-general of UNRWA is Maj.-Gen. Howard Kennedy of Canada.
- 1950 January Soviet Union began boycott of Security Council in protest against exclusion of Peking (Beijing) regime from China seat, thereby absent when Korean War starts. Returns to Council in August.
- Summer Technical Assistance Administration is organized as the operating arm of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (EPTA). Hugh Keenleyside becomes its director-general.
- June 25 North Korean troops invade South Korea. On June 27, a bare majority (seven) of Security Council members adopt resolution authorizing collective action, ask for