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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL
USES OF OUTER SPACE

Text of Statement to be delivered in the First
Committee by the Canadian Representative, Mr.
Hugh Faulkner, M.P., on International Co-operation
in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Oct. 19, 1967.

It is traditional in the discussion of this item (No. 32) to begin by paying tribute to the latest successful endeavours in outer space exploration and research. Both the USA and the USSR in the past year have achieved spectacular results. For example, only this week a USSR capsule reached Venus and transmitted valuable data back to earth about atmospheric conditions on Venus. This very afternoon the American Venus probe, Mariner 5, is scheduled to pass Venus, and it is to be hoped that the results obtained will compliment the information gathered by the Venus 4 capsule. Remarkable steps have also been taken by France and Italy in the past year, while a large number of other countries, including Canada have continued their already active space programmes, benefitting increasingly from international co-operation.

We have before us the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on its own work and on that of its subordinate bodies. In the meetings of this Committee held from September 13-15, some delegations, including the Canadian delegation, had an opportunity to express their views on the Committee's activities over the past year. It is therefore, not our intention to enter into great detail here, but rather to limit our remarks to some general observations.