

had not been for the persistent and earnest endeavours within the framework of the United Nations in the last five years? I don't think so.

The Canadian Contribution

As Canadians you may be interested to hear about how the folks back home feel about all this, and what contributions Canada has been and is making towards the United Nations cause.

Ever since formation of the United Nations, Canada has supported the setting up of a United Nations military force to be made up of contributions of individual member nations and to be available for service where the United Nations considered it appropriate and necessary. In fact, it was hoped that the existence of such a force and the declared intention that the whole military might of all peace-loving members of the United Nations was behind it, would act as a deterrent to would-be aggressors.

However, because of the opposition of certain nations, it became apparent some time ago that it would not be possible to form a United Nations force. Canadians therefore decided to do three things: first, to step up their national defence efforts in terms of men and equipment; secondly, to reedy Canadian industry so that it could again become an important munitions arsenal of democratic countries the world over; and thirdly, to strive with other like-minded nations to arrive at an understanding about collective self-defence within the framework of the United Nations. The Atlantic Pact was the result of this endeavour.

Following the aggression in Korea, Canadian ships and transport planes were made available with despatch to the United Nations for service in the Korean theatre of war. Further, realizing that aggression in that far distant land might be only the first instance of a series of aggressive moves in various parts of the world, the Canadian Government took steps to create a special military force for service in accordance with our obligations as a member of the United Nations, and of the North Atlantic alliance. Canadians are proud of the fact that they are in the forefront with those nations who support United Nations principles both by word and by deed.

But beyond these specific steps taken following the Korean incident, our whole economy has been geared to much greater military and economic preparedness than at any time since the end of the last war. Our defence budget has been about doubled. Our military forces are being augmented. Our production of airplanes, ships and ammunitions is expanding rapidly. In fact, we are in a position to produce much more military equipment than we have people to use it. We have worked out arrangements with our friends in the United States as to the best ways of exchanging materials and weapons which each country is able to produce most efficiently. But we are thinking not only of North American pooling of resources and integration. Together with important contributions which the United States is making to strengthen the Atlantic community, Canada has declared herself ready to do her share in this important cause of collective security in terms of men and materials.