

FORWORD

The purpose of the annual publication "Canada and the United Nations" is to inform the public on the role which Canada plays in the work of the world organization. The most significant events of the previous year and the main events in United Nations affairs are examined and Canada's reaction to these matters is outlined.

In the hope of improving the usefulness of the present publication, some presentational changes have been introduced in addition to those which were made in the last edition. Two opening general survey sections have been included in which the organization's work in United Nations during 1961 and anticipated changes are set out. The opening chapters contain concise factual summaries of proceedings in United Nations organs and committees and in the Special and Advisory Committees. An effort has been made to avoid repetition in chapters which are readily available elsewhere. The references have been carefully selected in the light of the information in a form suitable for ready reference.

Although primarily intended for the information of the general public, it is my hope that the publication may in time become a useful tool for research in a number of areas. The inclusion of international politics can account for the fact that some of the more recent events since 1945, the United Nations, and the international economic situation. Canadian participation in the organization has been a great help to those countries with the election of Canadian foreign policy. I trust that the present publication will be of some assistance to Canadians in looking for a better understanding of the United Nations and also in Canada's foreign policy, and that it will help them in assessing events which they all can expect to see every day.

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