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Statement by Senator F.M. Blois,
Canadian Representative on the Second Committee
on Monday, October 22, 1962.

Mr. Chairman,

Canada has always attached great importance to the economic and social activities of the United Nations and to the work we undertake annually here in the Second Committee. There are a number of important items for the Committee this year which warrant our most serious consideration and the Canadian Delegation expects to play its part in ensuring that these questions are given the thorough attention they deserve.

The Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs said in his statement to the General Assembly on September 25; "The economic and social work of the United Nations goes along so quietly that it does not always receive the public attention it deserves, and yet success in raising living standards in the less developed areas and in expanding and stabilizing world trade may, in the long run, determine the question of war or peace."

Canada has from the beginning given active support in United Nations bodies to efforts in the economic and social field and my Government believes that the United Nations has a continuing and effective role to play. We recognize, of course, that some problems more than others lend themselves to effective action in the United Nations forum. Mr. Chairman, few if any countries have more interest in world trade than Canada.

Canadians have actively supported international action to expand world trade on a multilateral basis and to establish specialized institutions such as the IMF and the GATT for this purpose. We recognize that problems of international trade are, if anything,