

REPORT TO HOUSE

The Standing Committee on External Affairs begs leave to present the following as its

THIRD REPORT

In the course of its recent study of the Estimates of the Department of External Affairs, your Committee received the latest information on the particular items referred and was impressed by the activities of that Department, its co-operation with other Departments of the Government, its active and real participation through delegates and representatives in the work of the United Nations, and its specialized agencies, and the numerous international conferences.

In regard to United Nations activities, your Committee notes with satisfaction that Canada was honoured in having the head of the Canadian Delegation elected Chairman of the Political and Security Committee of the General Assembly.

Your Committee considered the contribution made by Canada to the Budget of the United Nations and approves the representations made by Canada's delegates at the present session of the General Assembly to the Budget and Administrative Committee thereof for reconsideration of the amount of contribution by the various member nations.

Your Committee draws attention once more to the following recommendation made by the House of Commons External Affairs Committee in July, 1946:

On the question of financial commitments, your Committee recommends that the Department of External Affairs take whatever steps necessary to insure adequate controls over expenditures of Canada's contributions to the various international bodies on which Canada is represented.

Referring to the Passport Office administration, your Committee expresses satisfaction at the Government's announced decision to provide adequate accommodation for this Office. Your Committee notes with satisfaction that there is now no delay in the issuance of passports.

Evidence was given respecting the aims and activities of the United Nations Association in Canada and its relations with the Department. Your Committee recommends that the Government consider the advisability of increasing its grant to this Association in the future.

Pursuant to suggestions made in the House and in the Committee, your Committee recommends that consideration be given to introducing legislation at the next session to change the designation of Secretary of State for External Affairs to Minister of External Affairs.

A copy of the printed evidence adduced is appended hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Chairman.