

(1) San Francisco Conference to the end of 1946.

To be quite frank, we have solved only half the problem of how to keep the Canadian people informed of the work of the United Nations and of the Canadian contribution to that work. We have produced the reports. We have not been able to persuade Canadians to buy them, even though the first two cost only twenty-five cents each and the third, which is almost three hundred pages long, costs only fifty cents. The King's Printer has sold in Canada less than two hundred copies of each of the first two reports and only about two hundred and fifty copies of the third report. One contribution which the Canadian people might make to the work of the United Nations is to buy and study these reports. The Canadian Government, in the name of the Canadian people, undertook serious commitments when Canada joined the United Nations. The ability of the government of any country to honour its international commitments depends on how well the people of that country understand the extent and nature of the commitments and how far they are willing to honour them.

It is not, of course, merely a matter of the Canadian people realizing the extent of the international commitments which Canada has undertaken by joining the United Nations. It is also necessary for the Canadian people to realize the limitations of the United Nations, some of which are found in the provisions of the Charter, and some of which result from the present strained relations between the great powers.

Most of us had hoped before San Francisco that the Charter would be less imperfect than it is. The most that can be said for it is that it represents the greatest possible measure of agreement which could be reached at the time between the great powers and that probably they were able to reach a greater measure of agreement at San Francisco than they would be able to reach today. The Charter sets up a Security Council to maintain peace but makes it possible for any great power to paralyze most of the operations of that Council. The International

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1) Report on the United Nations Conference on International Organization, held at San Francisco, April 25, - June 26, 1945. Department of External Affairs, Conference Series, 1945, No. 2. (Includes the text of the Charter of the United Nations, the Dumbarton Oaks Proposal and the Statute of the International Court of Justice).
Price, 25 cents

2) Report on the First Part of the First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations held in London, January 10 - February 14, 1946. Department of External Affairs, Conference Series, 1946, No. 1. (Includes an account of the preparatory work of the Executive Committee and the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations, which held their meetings in London from August 16 to October 27, 1945, and from November 24 to December 23, 1945, respectively).
Price, 25 cents.

3) The United Nations, 1946. Report on the Second Part of the First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations held in New York, October 23 - December 15, 1946. Department of External Affairs. Conference Series, 1946, No. 3.
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