

Chronology of United Nations and Related Events of Special Interest to Canada

- 1955 May Austria State Treaty signed, and occupation forces of four Powers withdraw.
- Plebiscite held in Togoland under British Administration; majority favours union with Ghana. Togoland under French Administration becomes independent state in April 1960.
- Geneva Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy. President Truman had originally proposed to General Assembly the setting up of a world organization devoted exclusively to peaceful uses of atomic energy; this conference was a step on the road to creation of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in 1957.
- December Through initiative and perseverance of Paul Martin, deadlock over admitting new members to the General Assembly is broken. Security Council and Assembly approve package deal of 16 admissions after membership had stuck at 60 since 1950.
- 1956 October General Assembly approves Statute of the IAEA.
- October 28 Security Council starts debate on Soviet troop repression in Hungary at request of Britain, France and United States.
- October 29 Israeli troops attack Egypt. The following day, Britain and France issue ultimatum to both sides, and by November 4 both countries have bombarded Port Said and dropped paratroops on Suez Canal.
- November 3 Pearson introduces resolution in General Assembly, which creates United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) and leads to French and British troop withdrawal from Port Said by December 22.
- November 15 First UNEF troops (from Norway and Denmark) arrive in Egypt to be under command of Lt.-Gen. "Tommy" Burns, previously UNTSO chief of staff. Israeli troops finally withdraw from Gaza in March 1957, and UNEF maintains buffer between Israel and Egypt for 10 years.
- 1957 March Ghana reaches independence and becomes pacesetter in decolonization drive in sub-Sahara Africa.
- Adelaide Sinclair appointed deputy executive director for programs of UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund). She serves until her retirement in 1967.
- July 29 IAEA comes into being with Vienna headquarters and mandate to promote co-operation in peaceful uses of atomic energy under international safeguards.