

This Programme will provide assistance by means of foodstuffs in three major fields. It will meet emergency food needs and emergencies arising from chronic malnutrition. It will give assistance in pre-school areas and implement pilot projects, using food as an aid to economic and social development.

#### Canada and the WFP

Since the idea for a World Food Programme was launched, events have moved swiftly. In the last few months a pledging conference has been held at which approximately \$88 million in commodities, cash and services were pledged. Canada's pledge totalled \$5 million in commodities and cash. An Intergovernmental Committee, of which Canada is a member, has now been established and has prepared a work programme. This, I may say, putting it very simply, is one of the concrete moves in the direction of a better world.

Canada also played a major role in the very serious question of radiation. We would be ill-advised to become so sophisticated that we lost our concern and indeed our fear of what is happening to the atmosphere. Canada moved, and was supported magnificently by the other members of the General Assembly, to set up a world organization for the dissemination of information on the harmful effects of radiation and to galvanize world opinion regarding those harmful effects.

...Canada's initiative in the Second Committee dealing with international economic relations, and in the conference on world trade development, was a most impressive and most successful one, and great credit is due to Senator Blois, who was our representative there, a worthy Maritimer who naturally did a most excellent job. There were many, many days when differences were quite acute as to when the conference should be held, how it would be held and who should be involved, but these serious differences have been ironed out and it is now set that the meeting will be held not later than 1964.

The Canadian hope is that, after careful preparation, the conference will achieve positive proposals for the expansion of trade, particularly by the developing countries, and, on December 20, Canada was elected a member of the Preparatory Committee, which will begin its meetings in January. Once again, this country, which some would have us believe is ill regarded in the international community, was chosen to take part in the planning of this important job.

#### International Court on UN Finances

Another problem which has been facing the United Nations for some time and is becoming increasingly acute is the very mundane problem of finances and how to keep the organization solvent. In this field, through the Fifth Committee, the Canadian Delegation was extremely active and I am glad to say extremely successful.