

Canada and Multilaterlism

The United Nations

Canada entered into the United Nations in order to achieve noble goals. In the aftermath of the Second World War, the U.N. appeared as the best means in which to maintain peace and help others to achieve prosperity. In recent years the U.N. has shown itself not only to be an ineffective forum for achieving many of our ideals, but it has also proved to be an obstruction to the realization of our international goals. The majority of members share neither our ideals or purposes. They are not dedicated to freedom, justice, or equality. The forum which was intended to narrow differences has been turned into an arena where differences are heightened and divisions widened. The U.N. has been transformed from a democratic institution to an organization ruled by a tyranny of the majority. Instead of being a forum in which the members, dedicated by a common purpose, transcend their differences, the U.N. has become a forum for displaying the most egregious partisan characteristics.

Much of the time at the U.N. is consumed in condemnation of the only democracy in the Middle East. For over ten years a coalition of Soviet, Arab and African nations have spared no