

The Secretary of State for External Affairs



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My dear Secretary-General,

On behalf of the Government and people of Canada, it is my pleasure to convey to you, and through you to the staff members of the United Nations and its affiliated organizations, our warmest wishes on the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

Canada is deeply honoured that, as part of the celebration of U.N. Day, our National Arts Centre Orchestra has the privilege of performing a concert for the General Assembly. This event, which Prime Minister Trudeau is attending, symbolizes and reaffirms the high esteem in which Canadians hold the United Nations and the inspiring principles for which it stands.

Here in Canada, among many other observances of U.N. Day across the country, Governor General Edward Schreyer has presented the Pearson Peace Medal to Dr. J. King Gordon on behalf of the U.N. Association in Canada. Dr. Gordon, a past president of the Association, served for twelve years in the U.N. Secretariat, notably as Secretary-General Hammarskjold's director of information on the Congo peace-keeping operation.

The designation of the coming week as one "devoted to fostering the objectives of disarmament" is fast becoming a tradition. The Government of Canada and numerous voluntary groups will be highlighting the efforts of the United Nations in pursuit of this goal. Much serious work has been invested this year, and despite an unfavourable political climate some progress has been made, most recently in the just-concluded

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