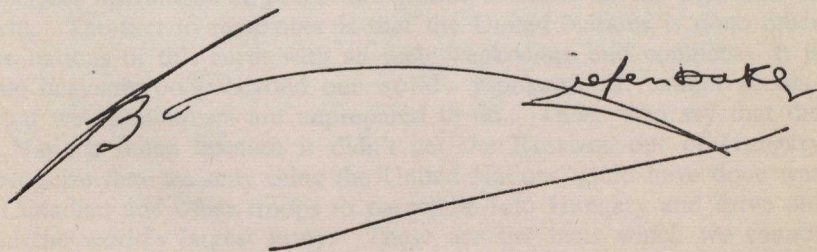


NOTE

This volume, the latest in the annual series of *Canada and the United Nations*, covers a period from the beginning of 1956 up to March 1957. It is an account of the work of the United Nations and of Canadian policy under the previous government. The volume was prepared and sent to press in May 1957, before the change of government. It has seemed to me appropriate that this record, which is of interest to many persons in Canada and abroad, should be published in the usual way, although by the time the volume was ready for distribution a new government had taken over and this volume therefore may reflect some interpretations which are not necessarily shared by the present government.

I am anxious that this record should be available to Canadians because my Government believes firmly in the importance which Canada must attach to the United Nations. Whatever difference there may be on the decisions that have been taken during the period under review in the United Nations, there can be no difference on the fundamental importance of supporting and strengthening the United Nations as the basic institution of international collaboration. The United Nations has performed an important function in recent crises. If it has done less than we had hoped, this is not an argument for abandoning the United Nations but strong reason for seeking in association with other members ways and means of making the United Nations more effective in its role of helping to keep the peace.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lester B. Pearson', is written across the page. The signature is composed of several sweeping, connected strokes.

Secretary of State for External Affairs

Ottawa, July 1957.