

FOREWORD

The purpose of the annual publication "Canada and the United Nations" is to inform the public on the role which Canada plays in the work of the world organizations. The most significant events of the previous year and the major trends in United Nations affairs are examined and Canada's reaction to these problems is outlined.

In the hope of improving the usefulness of the present publication, some presentational changes have been introduced in addition to those which were made in the 1962 edition. The opening general survey recalls the climate in which the organization sought to fulfil its functions during 1963 and attempts to illustrate the scope of the varied activities of the United Nations. The ensuing chapters contain concise factual summaries of proceedings in United Nations organs and committees and in the Specialized Agencies. An effort has been made to avoid duplicating information which is readily available elsewhere. The appendices have been carefully selected in this light, and provide information in a form suitable for ready reference.

Although primarily intended for the information of the general public, it is my hope that the publication may in time become a useful tool for research, a small-size encyclopaedia where the student of international politics can accurately find or check facts and events placed in perspective.

Since 1945, the United Nations has won widespread acceptance among Canadians. Their support of Canada's participation in the organization has been a great help to those entrusted with the direction of Canadian foreign policy. I trust that the present publication will be of some assistance to Canadians in fostering an informed interest not only in the United Nations itself but also in Canada's foreign policy, and that it will help them in assessing events which, after all, can affect their everyday lives.

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