

or enforcement of the agreement. Unfortunately, progress on disengagement to date has not been encouraging, and I can only express the sincere hope that the extension of this mission's period of responsibility will afford time for more effective implementation of the agreement. I also expect that time will be utilized in devising some civilian observation machinery more appropriate to the task in Yemen.

A situation must not be allowed to develop in which the parties would use the presence of the United Nations mission as a cover for the indefinite continuation of their involvement in the affairs of Yemen.

#### Canadian Support for UN

The Canadian Delegation at the United Nations is active, as in other years, in many other fields - in promoting disarmament, co-operating in outer space, scientific research in relation to the hazards of radiation, respect for human rights, and the programme of economic and social development carried out under the auspices of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies. We shall continue our support for humanitarian programmes designed to alleviate refugee problems. We are actively engaged, as a member of the preparatory committee in each case, in the organizing work for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in March of 1964, and for the International Year of Co-operation in 1965....

Canada has been able in the United Nations, I believe, as I found in the period when I was there at the beginning of the session and from time to time when I returned, to strengthen bilateral relations with most member states, particularly with the new states of Africa. I have welcomed the occasion to talk to many of the representatives of the African states, to get to know their problems a little better and generally to let them understand the goodwill and the favourable disposition that Canada has toward them.

The opportunity for personal conversation on a wide range of subjects is, in my judgment, one of the valuable dividends of the General Assembly. Another is the ability of the organization to provide its member states with a wide variety of means for bridging and reconciling differences. This may be the real reason for striving ceaselessly to keep the United Nations in working order; for in spite of its imperfections this international instrument has demonstrated its capacity to respond to most of the basic needs of the international community in a period of exceptional difficulty....

#### Co-operation in the New Nations

I made reference a few minutes ago to the rapidly changing nature of the world in which we live. One of the most dramatic manifestations of change has been the emergence in the past few years of scores of new independent nations with widely varied backgrounds. In Africa a whole continent has come awake and for the first time has taken its place on the world stage. The vitality of these new countries, and their determination to play a significant part in world affairs, were demonstrated at the conference of the heads of some 32 independent African states held in Addis Ababa last May. At that meeting the Charter of the Organization for African Unity was adopted,