

This, I hope, will explain my topic, - "Canada and the United Nations in the mid-Sixties", and why I am looking forward to getting as well as giving in the course of our discussion.

THE CHANGING CHARACTER OF THE ORGANIZATION

5. Perhaps the best starting-point is the U.N. itself.

It is now well into its twenty-first year -- it has come of age.

Already it has outlived the effective life of its predecessor,

the League of Nations. During the brief but eventful period that

it has been on the international scene, change and development

within the Organization have been continuous and it is only to

be expected that the U.N. of 1966 differs in some important

respects from what it was, and was intended to be, in 1945.

6. Let us also be clear about what the U.N. is not. It is

often, but quite incorrectly referred to as a world parliament.

In fact it is an organization of sovereign nations, each one of