

the United Nations Secretary-General was asked whether he visualized a permanent United Nations force along the lines of UNEF, he replied in the negative and used the analogy of a tailor and his cloth in explanation of his position. Mr. Hammarskjöld said:

"We need really to cut the suit to the body ... more carefully in these various cases of which UNEF is an example than any other cases which are of concern to the United Nations ... We cannot afford or usefully have a wardrobe sufficiently rich and varied to be able to pick out just the right suit as the situation arises. It is much better to have the cloth and go into action as a good tailor quickly when the need arises."

It would no doubt be agreed that in a world which is far from perfect we should not be dissatisfied if progress is made by a series of small steps. Nevertheless, these various United Nations operations in the interests of restoring and maintaining peace have provided a very useful body of experience out of which it is hoped to evolve more comprehensive machinery for strengthening the forces of peace. I can assure you that all proposals to this end are given the most careful study by the Canadian Government.

I would be remiss if I were to omit from this account of United Nations activities reference to a most admirable humanitarian project which members of the United Nations are undertaking this year as a common endeavour. Recently I informed the House of the opening of World Refugee Year, which formally began in Canada on June 28 with statements on radio and on television by the Prime Minister. I must say that I have been gratified by the extent of public response to the statement I made at that time, and in particular by the numerous newspaper editorials which have expressed approval of the fact that the Government plans to admit a number of tubercular refugee cases into Canada and provide for their treatment.

Arrangements for such a scheme are now under discussion. I am sure the warm hearts of the Canadian people from coast to coast will see that support is given to this plan and any other plans of a similar nature. Not only is the Government interested, but there is also a Canadian Committee for World Refugee Year which has already been doing excellent work. World Refugee Year began as an idea put forward by a group of private British citizens. Since then it has been given international approval by the General Assembly as a means of facilitating its own task of permanently solving refugee problems. The Government has been participating actively in United Nations refugee programmes, and we shall continue to do so.

I have already occupied the time of hon. members too long with this statement, especially when it is my earnest hope that spontaneous and frank discussions on international problems will increasingly become the rule in this House. I really should