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Canada responds to a request from the UN and agrees to accept Hungarian refugees. Here, four volunteers of the Canadian Red Cross sing Christmas carols to a group of 1,500 of the refugees about to leave a temporary camp for resettlement in Canada.



1956



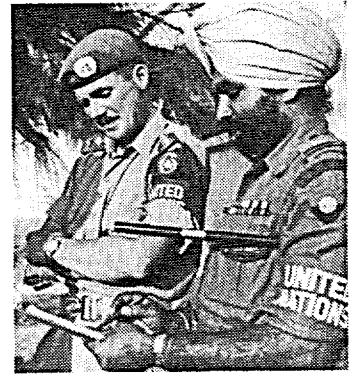
1957

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War in the Middle East over the Suez Canal is ended in 1956 with the deployment of a UN peacekeeping force in the Sinai. The following year, Canadian members of the force are on patrol from a desert outpost in a Canadian-made armoured car, known as a "Ferret".

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A UN Observer Group, including these two members from Canada and India, helps defuse the Lebanon crisis by patrolling the border.



1958



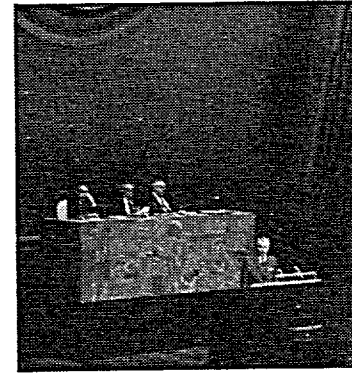
1959

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A UN-supervised plebiscite in the British Cameroons results in a part of the Territory being incorporated into Nigeria and another into Cameroon.

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Prime Minister John Diefenbaker addresses the General Assembly which has just admitted 17 newly independent Territories, 16 of them African.



1960



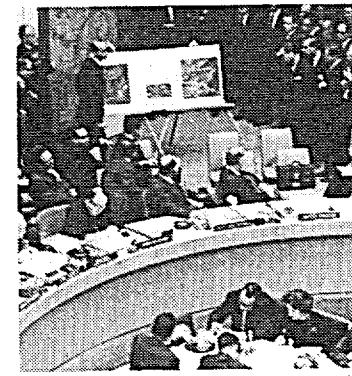
1961

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The CBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Ernest MacMillan, performs a concert in the General Assembly Hall to mark UN Day.

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The UN plays a key role in resolving the US-Soviet confrontation over the use of nuclear missiles in Cuba. Here, the Security Council studies photos presented by the US to show the Cuban missile sites.



1962



1963

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The largest ever UN peacekeeping force was deployed in the newly independent State of Congo (now Zaire) in 1960 to prevent destabilization. Three years into the mission, the 57th Canadian Signal Unit provides vital communication services for the UN forces.