

## DISARMAMENT

From peacekeeping I should like to turn to disarmament as another field of the greatest importance to the United Nations. Member nations are agreed that general and complete disarmament is a goal we must reach in order to have a secure and peaceful world. This goal was spelled out in a Resolution adopted by this Assembly in 1959. This remains our goal. We have tried over the years to make progress towards it. When agreement on general disarmament eluded us we turned our attention to collateral measures. We have come to recognize that while we have been exploring this path, the underlying peril has been growing. Nuclear weapons are now in the possession not of one power or two but five and many other Governments are acknowledged to have the capacity to make them.

The Secretary General in his report of September 20 has described the spread of nuclear weapons as the most urgent question of the present time. He has urged that it should remain at the very top of the disarmament agenda. The Canadian Government fully supports this judgement.

Last August, the U.S.A. presented to the 18 Nation Disarmament Committee a Draft Treaty designed to stop the spread of nuclear weapons. Canada had a share in the preparation of this document. We hoped that the tabling of this Treaty which had been called for by many non-aligned nations would open the way to progress but we were disappointed. The U.S.S.R. refused to discuss the Draft Treaty saying that it would not stop dissemination as it would not prevent non-nuclear nations of the