

who work for peace and human rights. In 2009 he won the Nobel Peace Prize “for his efforts on several continents and over more than three decades, to resolve international conflicts.” In Canada we remember with pride Lester Pearson who played a key role in founding the United Nations and, in the crisis of 1956 over the British-French-Israeli attempt to seize the Suez Canal, helped to organize the United Nations Emergency Force and avert a major war. Sixty years ago, in 1957, he was awarded the Nobel Prize for his role.

In a year of anniversaries we should remember one more: seventy years ago, in 1947 Canada and Finland established formal diplomatic relations. The friendship between our two countries is a warm one, based on shared values and ideals. Long may it last.



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