FOREWORD

The second Yearbook of the United Nations deals with the activities of the organization from June 30, 1947, to September 21, 1948, the opening day of the third regular session of the General Assembly.

The period covered by the Yearbook was an eventful one, during which many of the most complicated problems of international relations were brought before the United Nations. The activity of the organization increased accordingly, both in the political field and in the economic and social fields.

The reader of the Yearbook will understand that only the briefest summary can be given of earlier events and discussions which have a bearing on the activities described in detail in the present volume. I hope that this survey of one year's work of the United Nations and its specialized agencies will enable students of international affairs to understand better the increasingly complex activities of the United Nations and its associated organizations.

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