FOREWORD

This, the sixth Yearbook of the United Nations, presents the record of the Organization for 1952, following the conclusion of the General Assembly's sixth session in February.

The volume contains an account of the many and varied activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies during 1952, together with documentary references for those who would study the matter further. It is hoped that it may prove a useful work of reference for all who take an interest in international affairs.

Throughout the year the United Nations pursued its efforts over the very wide field which its activities cover.

In the political sphere the negotiations for a just and honourable peace in Korea attracted special attention. The General Assembly in December, by an overwhelming majority, put forward proposals as a basis for a cease-fire agreement. Meanwhile the collective action against aggression was continued.

In the economic field perhaps the most noteworthy development was shown by the technical assistance activities. The Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for under-developed countries made further progress. This important joint endeavour of the United Nations and several of its related specialized agencies could register increased support in all countries.

In these and many other ways the United Nations pursued its work of reconciliation and constructive assistance in order to fulfill its task as an instrument for the Member Governments in their efforts to further the causes of peace and freedom. The period reviewed in this Yearbook is not one of spectacular achievements, but the main front-line has been defended and progress has been made on many points of significance.

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