

resolution should be adopted which is agreeable to both the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. on a matter of this kind, that in itself would be quite a guarantee.

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that the truce supervisory organization headquarters was overrun, what provision has been made for re-establishment of the headquarters to either receive or issue directives, and what provision has been made for the safety of the personnel of this supervisory commission which I think has 20 Canadians on it?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, we have no information at the moment that would suggest Canadian personnel with the United Nations truce and supervisory organization have been personally affected in terms of their personal security by the situation in the Middle East. UNTSO has now taken up new headquarters, but I cannot give my hon. friend information as to exactly where because I do not have it.

I may say that General Rikhye, Commander of the United Nations emergency force, has been cut off from the main body of this force and I believe some 20 members of UNEF are with him, as well as two representatives of the United Nations truce supervisory organization.

Mr. Olson: I have a supplementary question. Will the minister tell us whether communications have been re-established between the organization and UN headquarters in New York?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): As of twelve o'clock, no.

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question either to the Prime Minister or to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. As far as is possible and appropriate, can we be informed as to the approximate positions of the Arab and Egyptian armies? Has Egyptian territory been invaded and, if so, to what extent? Has the Egyptian army invaded Israel and, if so, to what extent?

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, it has not been possible for our officials on the spot to obtain any information from the governments in question as to where their forces are at the present time.

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Mr. L. R. Sherman (Winnipeg South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question of the Prime Minister. Following a United Nations security council resolution calling for a cease fire, would it automatically be backed up by UN troops?

Mr. Pearson: Not necessarily, Mr. Speaker. The resolutions being considered now during these informal discussions are resolutions which do not include implementation by the use of force.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the right hon. Prime Minister. Will he indicate to the house how a cease fire could be arranged if there is no general knowledge as to the approximate positions of the troops?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Edmonton West.

Mr. Lambert: Mr. Speaker, that also was my question, one that was rather obvious.

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. According to an air force protocol officer much valuable equipment was left by the Canadians in the Gaza strip, and according to him this has been lost. Will the minister inform the house as to the value of this equipment?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): That is not my information, Mr. Speaker. The only Canadian equipment left behind of which I have knowledge are two generators and two mule forklift trucks. They were a number of years old and had served their usefulness to the extent that the commander felt they were not worth retrieving. Therefore, to the best of my information, all national property was retrieved. Any other equipment that was left in Egypt belongs to the United Nations.

Mr. Muir (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could send the minister this statement in order that he may check into it.

Mr. Hellyer: I would be glad to do so.

[Later:]

Mr. Lamberg: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the inability or reluctance of the Prime Minister to tell the house what is the relative position of the respective forces in the belligerent area in the Middle East, I wonder whether perhaps