

with energy, imagination and wisdom received widespread support for his first appeal for a ceasefire. The support that his appeal commanded was demonstrated by the readiness with which a number of world leaders offered their services to assist in bringing about a ceasefire. The Prime Minister of Canada was among those who offered such assistance and I have his authority to say that should that assistance be desired by the parties in search for a negotiated settlement, it will be forthcoming.

The unanimity with which the Security Council adopted its resolutions on September 4 and 6 reflected the determination of all members of the Organization that fighting be stopped. The broad endorsement for these resolutions and firm support extended to ^{the} Secretary General as he carried out the mandate entrusted to him by the Council, gave further evidence of the fervent wish that bloodshed should cease.

The ceasefire which has been achieved was of course the first and paramount necessity. The world can now breathe more easily but the ceasefire is not enough. The United Nations and the Indian and Pakistani Governments now have a new opportunity, which they must not fail to grasp, to search for and achieve an honourable, equitable and lasting settlement.

The consequences of the failure to find a lasting settlement have never been more clearly evident than during the past few weeks. The Secretary General stated the dangers starkly when he said, "inherent in this situation are all of the phenomena -- the aroused emotions, misunderstandings long pent up, resentments,