

Peace-keeping has proved to be an endless, expensive, and at times dangerous, job. At the beginning of the operation in Cyprus, a Canadian contingent of 1,150 officers and men was authorized. Today we have 518 military personnel in the force. Four Canadians have been killed on active duty. The force is in its eleventh year of existence, and we have just approved a further extension to our participation of six months from June 15. The total net cost to Canada over the ten-year period from March 1964 to December 1974 has been roughly \$25 million.

Undoubtedly the burden of peace-keeping is great and there are times when one would like to rid oneself of the onerous task. But the responsibility cannot be shirked. Instead we must work towards making the conception of peace-keeping more effective. It is, after all, one of the few useful tools available to the United Nations in the continuing effort to prevent the use of force in the settlement of international disputes.

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