

in the Commissions in the past, to those who are now in Viet-Nam to begin work in the new Commission, and to those who are preparing to go there. They went there and they are now going, not because their country has national interests of its own to pursue there, but because Canada recognizes it has a responsibility to contribute to peace in the world if it can do so effectively. The task is difficult; it can also be a dangerous. Some Canadians have lost their lives trying to accomplish it. Others may yet do so. We bear a heavy responsibility to them to ensure that their dedication and courage serve to contribute effectively to the maintenance of peace. We must do all we can to ensure their role is effective, and we must withdraw them if, despite their best efforts, their role seems doomed to ineffectiveness.

That is the purpose of the Government's policy and of its recent decision. I know that it is also the purpose of all Canadians and of this House which represents them.