

cases where fighting actually broke out, the United Nations Force used all the means at its disposal to achieve local cease-fires even before agreement was reached yesterday in the Security Council to call for a general cease-fire. In some cases the United Nations Forces were successful in their efforts but unfortunately in many other cases they were not.

The Canadian Contingent in the United Nations Force on Cyprus has been amongst the most active in recent days because of its responsibility for the Nicosia area where fighting has been the most intense. We are all concerned that in the course of these efforts nine members of the Canadian Contingent have been wounded. I am pleased to be able to confirm, however, that in all cases the injuries have not been serious.

We have remained in direct contact with Colonel Beattie, the Commander of the Canadian Contingent and we have also received regular reports on the United Nations Forces activities on Cyprus from U.N. Headquarters in New York. All of these reports indicate that the Force as a whole, and the Canadian Contingent in particular, have carried out their duties in a most exemplary way despite the increasing difficulties they are facing and I am sure this will be a source of pride and satisfaction for all Canadians.

We have been in touch this morning with U.N. Headquarters where we have had confirmed that there is no question at this time of the U.N. Force relinquishing its responsibilities and withdrawing from the Island, despite the difficult conditions being experienced. On the other hand, in particular cases it has been necessary for elements of the U.N. Force to withdraw from their more exposed outpost when it became apparent that there was nothing useful they could do in the circumstances and that they might be in some physical danger. I should add that if and when a settlement