

--in Gaza and that the take over --

And I emphasize the words "take over".

--of Gaza from the military and civilian control of Israel will be exclusively by the United Nations Emergency Force.

(b) It is further Israel's expectation that the United Nations will be the agency to be utilized for carrying out the functions enumerated by the Secretary-General, namely:--

They were enumerated in one of his earlier reports and he outlined them as follows:

"safeguarding life and property in the area by providing efficient and effective police protection; as will guarantee good civilian administration; as will assure maximum assistance to the United Nations refugee programme; and as will protect and foster the economic development of the territory and its people".

And then said Mrs. Meir:

(c) It is further Israel's expectation that the aforementioned responsibility of the United Nations in the administration of Gaza--

Not for the administration of Gaza but in the administration of Gaza.

--will be maintained for a transitory period from the take-over until there is a peace settlement, to be sought as rapidly as possible, or a definitive agreement in the future of the Gaza strip.

And she concluded by saying this:

It is the position of Israel--

And this is important in the context of the present situation.

--that if conditions are created in the Gaza strip which indicate a return to the conditions of deterioration which existed previously Israel would reserve its freedom to act to defend its rights.

These were the assumptions and expectations laid down by the Government of Israel on the basis of which they withdrew, and withdrew very quickly, all their forces, civil and military, from the Gaza strip. When I say they withdrew very quickly I mean that they withdrew with great speed after the decision was made.