

STATEMENT MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
THE HONOURABLE MITCHELL SHARP, SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1974

CYPRUS

Diplomatic Front:

As you know the United Nations Security Council has approved a resolution asking for a cease-fire. This cease-fire has not come into effect.

We of course are one of those countries trying to rally support. Our particular purpose, however, diplomatically is to support the efforts of the British Government under the Treaty for the Independence for Cyprus to bring about a meeting amongst the three guarantor powers, the British, the Greeks and the Turks. I was in touch personally yesterday with Mr. Callaghan to tell him that Canada will do everything it could to help him in bringing about this meeting and that we made representation in Greece and Turkey and in other countries to this effect.

United Nations Peacekeeping Activity:

For the last ten years the U.N. Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, to which Canada contributes the second largest contingent, has been a major element in preventing clashes between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities on the Island.

When the Government of Archbishop Makarios was overthrown a week ago the United Nations Force had a particularly important role to play. Initially the difficulty was between factions of the Greek Cypriot community and the United Nations Force was largely successful in preventing fighting from developing between the two communities.

In recent days, as fighting on the Island has intensified as a result of the interjection of Turkish National Forces, the United Nations Peacekeeping Force has taken on an additional role trying to prevent the fighting from spreading to Greek and Turkish Cypriots. In