

Another development of far-reaching implication has been the successful settlement by President de Gaulle of the trouble in Algiers. This had the whole Arab world in a turmoil and was causing trouble with the African countries. It was a great bleeding wound for France herself, and was a problem which appeared almost impossible of solution. Yet that problem is at least well on the way to settlement, and I think the fact there has been such a settlement will be of great importance in the months ahead.

Then, of course, there was the Cuban episode. There the Americans, acting with firmness and I think with moderation -- I suggest with moderation -- achieved great success. The Cuban episode has made perfectly clear that in the world today the preponderance of power is with the United States. No longer is it a question of two great equal nuclear powers. I suggest that at the present time the United States is beyond any shadow of doubt preponderant in power. That ... may constitute quite a temptation. When you are the biggest fellow in the school yard it is quite a temptation to shove everybody else around. Now, I am confident that there will be no such development in United States policy. I am confident that they will not adopt a policy of getting tough with their allies. For Canada, of course, it is particularly important whether anything of that kind develops.

Congo Operation

Another outstanding development has been the success of the United Nations in the Congo within the last few days. That was the most difficult operation this great world organization had ever undertaken. I have no doubt that every Member in this Chamber has wondered many times how on earth the United Nations would ever get out of the Congo and also how they would ever be able to bring about any order in that unhappy country. Yet they are well on the way now. The Premier of Katanga met the United Nations troops when they drove into Kolwezi and welcomed them there, and took the stand that his state would be part of the nation of the Congo. This means a great deal in building up the prestige of the United Nations and a great deal in bringing about world order.

The United Nations also had another big lift or a great impetus from the fact that in the Cuban crisis the United States and the Soviet Union rushed right into the UN in an effort to get some agreement worked out. They did not stand outside. They did not just ignore the United Nations and go about working things out themselves or anything like that. They went to the United Nations and Secretary-General U Thant did a statesman-like job in helping to work out an agreement on Cuba.