

It has been a matter of regret to us that, in this situation, the United Nations has not been able to exert its influence for peace. We have established the United Nations as an instrument of peace and good order in the world. We cannot, of course, expect it to be an effective instrument in circumstances where governments are not prepared to settle their disputes by peaceful means. But if there is such a thing as a collective will to peace in the world, then the United Nations is the best framework we have been able to devise to bring it into focus and to channel it into situations of conflict. Above all, we must continue to make sure that the instrument itself does not become blunt through inaction or indifference.

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