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best of their ability to establish homes where they can be free from persecution and free to carry on in their own way without molestation.

May I repeat, Mr. Speaker, that we ought to lay it down as a definite principle that it is the United Nations' responsibility to do everything possible to prevent the destruction of any stable position in the Middle East area—in the whole of the Middle East area, as a matter of fact—that is essential to the realization of Russia's objective. As I have already said, the two stable positions there are those of Israel and Turkey.

I should now like to say just a word about the Eisenhower doctrine, that apparently had as its objective the independence and integrity of the nations of the Middle East. There appears to be a rather dangerous and mistaken idea abroad that shortly after President Eisenhower declared this new doctrine its purpose had been fulfilled, that tension had eased and the power vacuum had been filled. Mr. Speaker, this is the very kind of idea that Russia would like to have abroad, because she wants to divert attention now from the Middle East while she proceeds once more to build up Egypt and Syria in preparation for a new outbreak in the months ahead; and that outbreak will come just as sure as we are alive unless we take counteraction now and assure that the problems of the Middle East are solved once and for all.

There is also abroad the mistaken idea that the Middle East crisis can be resolved by making concessions to the Arabs. That is a mistaken idea. There are certain basic facts in this whole situation that I think must continue to receive the earnest consideration of Canada and the other nations of the United Nations in the efforts the United Nations or any group of them might take for the settlement of this dangerous and explosive situation. The first of these facts is this. The Arab states, including Saudi Arabia, still desire the complete destruction of Israel.

I am positive in my own mind that that is so. That is the only thing that will finally satisfy them. Evidently Israel was convinced against her better judgment that she should withdraw from the Gaza strip and the Sinai peninsula.

It is clear now that that is not enough, because already Egypt has moved to take over the administration of the Gaza strip, and the Arabs are demanding not only that but continued Egyptian civil administration in Gaza. My own judgment is that unless the United Nations toughens up in its attitude, Egypt and her allies will put themselves once more into the position where they can

use the Gaza strip as a means of achieving their final objective, which is the destruction of the state of Israel.

I think the fact Canada should bear in mind while she is dealing with this whole problem is that Russia has promised aid to the Arabs, all of them, but particularly Egypt and Syria, to help them achieve their objective of driving the Israeli out and cancelling out the bases of the western nation in that area. The western powers are not in a position to make similar promises to the Arabs. This is where I disagree with my hon. friend who spoke just before me. I say the western powers are not in a position to make the same kind of promises to the Arab states, and for that reason the Arabs are going to continue to turn to Russia, where they know they can get help for the eventual destruction of the state they do not want in their midst.

Mr. Barnett: Will my hon. friend permit a question?

Mr. Low: Yes.

Mr. Barnett: Would he say, on the facts, that Russia has the physical capacity to supply all these things?

Mr. Low: I am not sure that Russia has the physical capacity to supply all of them, but I do know from reliable reports that Russia and her satellites are now pouring arms in great quantities into Egypt, and have been for days. These are known facts, not guesswork. I presume, from past history that when Russia starts pouring these arms into Egypt she will continue to do so as long as Egypt has any cotton to load on the vessels going back to Russia, and that would be for some time, it would seem to me.

Mr. Barnett: I am just wondering whether there would be more promise than performance.

Mr. Low: No, I would not say that. These promises are being fulfilled at this moment, and that is why I cannot go along entirely with what was said by the hon. member for Winnipeg North. The western powers, of course, are not in a position to make the same promises, and for that reason the Arab states will continue to turn to Russia for every possible assistance they can get, no matter what they might receive from the western powers. They will take all they can get from them. This fact alone makes it dangerous for anyone to assume that the Eisenhower doctrine has achieved its purpose, and that tension has eased as a consequence.

The third fact is that Russia wants to dominate the whole of the Middle East and North Africa for purposes which the Russian