

sponsored by Argentina, Burma, Ceylon, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia and Sweden, was adopted by a vote of 64 in favour, none against, and 12 abstentions. Following is the text of a statement made by Mr. Pearson prior to the vote:

"I wish to give the full support of our Delegation and the Canadian Government to this resolution setting up the United Nations emergency force, and to endorse the report of the Secretary-General, which is related to it. I would like also to echo the appreciation and gratitude expressed by the Danish Delegate to the Secretary-General for his tireless energy and skill, without which we would not have this resolution before us.

"My Government has been proud to offer a contribution to this force and steps are now being taken by us to organize it as a matter of urgency.\* With the acceptance of this resolution--and surely it can be unanimously approved--the ending of hostilities can be confirmed and safeguarded and work of peace making begun on a solid United Nations foundation. Indeed, it has begun, but much remains to be done before it is finished. This is a moment for sober satisfaction, but certainly not for premature rejoicing. Yet it is hard not to rejoice at the thought that we may have been saved from the very edge of catastrophe--and saved, let us not forget, not by threats or blusters, but by the action of the United Nations. If we draw the necessary conclusions from the manner of our escape and act on them, perhaps we will not in the future have to get so perilously close again. I repeat, however, that much remains to be done, even in the first stage which is now underway. The organization of a United Nations force from other than permanent members of the Security Council, is bound to be a task of great complexity and difficulty. We are breaking new ground, we are pioneering for peace, but if we take full advantage of this opportunity, I feel sure we can reap a rich harvest from that ground in terms of peace and security in the area concerned and, indeed, in wider terms as well.

"We must now press on with the greater and perhaps even more difficult task of a political settlement: which will be honourable and just, and provide hope for security and progress for millions in this part of the world who have not known them in these troublous and distracting years. This is implicit

\* On November 7, Prime Minister St. Laurent announced in Ottawa that the Canadian Government had agreed to offer a Canadian contingent of battalion strength to the international United Nations force for the Middle East.