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communism. Before departing from this subject I should like to make one concluding statement. The right of self-determination must be respected and guaranteed and as soon as possible an opportunity must be given for the will of the people to be expressed through free elections.

I should now like to make some reference to the peace keeping operations of the United Nations, with special reference to Canada's position and participation in those peace-keeping operations.

I cannot remember any time when a government of Canada was refused the support of parliament or the people in its endeavours to establish and maintain peace through peacekeeping operations. We are now participating in these operations in the Gaza strip, in Cyprus and in other areas. The question that arises in our minds is: Why is a greater effort not made to effect solutions to the problems that make these peacekeeping operations necessary? As I stated, we have no objection in this regard. In fact, we support the principle of participation in peacekeeping forces when they are required. Even when Canada is called upon to bear the full financial responsibility of maintaining her forces, as we are doing in Cyprus, no particular objection has been raised, although we do feel that a fairer way of financing those operations could be worked out. But we do insist that diligent efforts should be put forth to effect political settlements in these areas so that these forces can be withdrawn and the conduct of the countries left to the nations concerned.

An article in the *Ottawa Journal* of December 18, 1965, makes reference to peacekeeping operations and reads in part as follows:

In November, the Canadian government expressed publicly a view often expressed privately here: that the presence of UN forces leads to laziness in attempts to find solutions to problems which led to creation of those forces.

Canada told the UN it might not participate in peacekeeping operations any more if efforts to negotiate settlements were not vigorously pursued by the governments involved in the disputes.

I may say that the caption on the article is "Foreign Policy Designed For Viet Nam Peace". It was written by Dave McIntosh, a Canadian Press staff writer.

I think this statement sets forth the views of many people of this country. As I have said, we are prepared and glad to participate in any effort to maintain peace in these areas but we are concerned about the

lack of diligent endeavour to solve the political problems so we can bring these forces back to their homelands once again. Perhaps the Secretary of State for External Affairs at some later time will make reference to this particular statement and give us his own views regarding the satisfactory working out of solutions to these problems in order that these peacekeeping forces need not be continued.

There was a reference in a newspaper this morning, I believe, to the effect that Greece and Cyprus have issued a communiqué indicating that union is the only solution in that area. It seems as though a solution is just about as far away as ever in that particular section of our world.

There is one other matter to which I should like to refer, Mr. Chairman, and it is in connection with our representation abroad through embassies and missions in other countries. Perhaps the Secretary of State for External Affairs would indicate whether or not the government is considering establishing any additional embassies or missions in countries abroad. This matter was raised the other day by my colleague with respect to one particular country. There are others I could mention today but I simply ask that broad question in that it falls within our consideration of the estimates covering expenses in respect of these missions and embassies.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Chairman, perhaps I might deal with that question at this time. We have already established two new missions in Africa in this fiscal year and I hope by the end of the next fiscal year we will have established two more.

Mr. Patterson: I thank the Secretary of State for External Affairs for that information. Perhaps he will indicate the specific countries to which he has made reference. There is one other matter I should like to discuss in regard to our representation abroad through our embassies. Perhaps the minister could indicate the relative sizes of our embassy staffs abroad compared with embassies maintained by other countries in Canada.

We have read articles recently and hear continually a great deal about the expansion of embassy staffs. One might think sometimes that there was a connection with espionage activities. Perhaps it would be of interest if the Secretary of State for External Affairs would indicate the relative size of the staff that Canada maintains in Moscow and the