

was necessary because of last-moment hitches in what was thought likely to be an agreement on the part of all concerned.

The Secretary-General also indicated that his good offices would be available to all the parties, if considered desirable, with respect to United Nations efforts in the supervision of disarmament or in practical arrangements for internal security.

The response of the Governments of Turkey, Greece and Cyprus has been positive, and I hope it will be possible to begin very soon the withdrawal of national forces from Cyprus and the de-escalation of some of the military measures that have been taken recently in the area. However, the fact is that at this moment agreement between the parties is not complete on all points and I regret to say that relations have not improved between the two communities in Cyprus.

To a supplementary question whether, since Canada was "a NATO ally of the two countries involved", the Government had "brought its own views before them to impress upon Greece and Turkey the necessity of arriving at a just settlement and de-escalation in the area", Mr. Martin replied :

We certainly have, and I reported to the House on this a week ago. Our efforts included direct telephone communications between myself and the Foreign Minister of Turkey at a time when we were greatly concerned about possible military action. We have been in continuous consultation all along with the representatives of the United States and Britain, with Mr. Vance, the special emissary of the United States Government, and Mr. Rolz-Bennet, the representative of the Secretary-General.

On December 12, the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable L. B. Pearson, answered as follows a question whether, since the Security Council was shortly to discuss the extension of the UN forces on Cyprus and the Secretary-General had asked that "the matter be dealt with as one of urgency", Canada had proposed or intended to propose "that the United Nations Force on Cyprus be increased and that it be provided with more effective means to keep the peace than it has had until now" :

Mr. Speaker, there are discussions going on at the present time There are two opinions about the strength of the Force if the mandate is extended. One is that the present Force will be strong enough to carry out the new mandate, and there is another opinion that perhaps the Force should be enlarged. No agreement has yet been reached because the matter has not come before the Security Council.

Our own view, Mr. Speaker, is that, if the mandate is to be extended, it should be extended for a rather shorter period of time than was previously found desirable, so that during that shorter period of time we can see how the arrangements are being carried out that are being discussed now with the