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offset completely their respective assessments for the year during which it was made.

**Mr. Benidickson:** While we are dealing with supplementary estimates, I believe the minister has indicated this is not a supplementary item but a distinctive item in so far as 1960-61 expenditures are concerned. It is not supplementary to anything else, apart from the general United Nations appropriation. Is that correct?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Yes, Mr. Chairman, this is not one of those items described as, "further amount required".

**Mr. Benidickson:** We already have in front of us the estimates for the forthcoming year which commences April 1, 1961 and ends March 31, 1962. There is nothing in the estimates for the next year that is comparable to this item of \$885,000 that we have here?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I am told that this item is always in the final supplementaries.

**Mr. Benidickson:** We might, therefore, expect that next year we would have a further obligation similar to this, but it is something not contained in the main estimates for 1961-62?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Yes, in respect of the 1961 assessment.

**Mr. Pearson:** I take it, Mr. Chairman, from what the minister has said that Canada gets credit for some of the expenses in connection with its force for this year against its assessment, perhaps not all of it but some of its assessment?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Yes, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Pearson:** I was very interested to hear the minister give the list of those members of the United Nations who for one reason or another, good or bad—and I do not want to be captious or critical in this matter—have not been able to make any contribution to an effort which in the first instance they supported, and which some of them very actively supported. It does underline a difficulty which I think is facing the United Nations in an increasing proportion of members of the United Nations voting resolutions which impose on the United Nations certain obligations, activities and responsibilities, and then leaving it to certain members of the United Nations to discharge those responsibilities.

In so far as the communist members are concerned, we can expect that; but it is unfortunate that members of the United Nations—I am sure the minister will agree with me, and I know the difficulties involved here—who vote for resolutions imposing certain responsibilities and duties on the organization

[Mr. Fleming (Eglinton).]

do not see fit at the same time to discharge their own share of the obligations involved in the resolutions.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Chairman, I agree entirely with what the Leader of the Opposition has said. Apart from the fact that the burdens have fallen with unfair weight on certain countries, our own included, some of the countries which have undertaken these special burdens have had at the same time to submit to a great deal of abuse from the countries which have completely left the United Nations to find the means as best it can.

**Mr. McMillan:** Mr. Chairman, for book-keeping purposes does the minister carry the cost of our forces in the Congo or Palestine as a debit to the United Nations?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** The Department of National Defence is keeping a record, and the record will be employed if the day ever comes when we can have a final reckoning in this matter.

**Mr. Benidickson:** These items are constantly conveyed to our delegation, and when negotiations take place in one of the committees of the United Nations—and I think one of the committees is on finances—they are up to date on Canada's expenditures beyond the common account, are they?

Our delegates are fully aware of these special expenditures, are they?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is quite correct. The hon. member is of course speaking from personal experience.

**Mr. Benidickson:** No; I never attended that committee. However, I think Senator Bois did good work in this regard. I think all members of the committee would want to know that our delegation in New York would know that these extra expenditures had been made by Canada and were not charged to the common account, and of course they would be taken into consideration when Canada speaks in that committee.

**Mr. Pearson:** I wish to say a few words before this vote is passed, Mr. Chairman. The Canadian members of the United Nations emergency force have been in this area now for a good many years serving the United Nations and the cause of peace. They have willingly gone to this area and they have done their work there with efficiency and credit to themselves and their country.

They have been there perhaps long enough that we are now inclined to take them a little bit for granted, and we are perhaps not as aware as we were a few years ago of the importance of the work which they are still doing.