

250,000 refugees dependent entirely on the United Nations and those which it has already taken on in respect of security at the demarcation line. From every point of view, therefore, the Government of Egypt should in its own interest as well as in the interest of peace and security give the maximum amount of co-operation to the United Nations in this effort. If it does not do so, I repeat, its action could result in the dissolution of the United Nations Emergency Force entirely and even in the dissolution of the United Nations Relief Works Agency in Gaza, and that would mean chaos. It could result in the Israeli and Egyptian armies facing each other once again in bitterness and hostility, with nothing between them.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot believe that Egypt -- even Egypt, let alone any other country -- desires that result. I therefore hope that those powers which have the greatest influence -- and I am thinking particularly of the United States -- will use that influence forcefully through diplomatic channels and any other channels which may be open to them in Cairo and wherever else is necessary, to help avoid such a disaster. So far as this Government is concerned, we will continue to do our best in helping to find a peaceful and just solution for these dangerous and difficult problems.

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