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or even closing it down. Can the minister give me any information with respect to that matter?

**Mr. Campney:** With regard to the general effect on NATO of the present situation in the Middle East and throughout the world, my colleague, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and I are going to the NATO council meeting at Paris the week after next, and that large subject will be discussed at considerable length. As to the question of NATO air training, which I think is what is in the hon. member's mind, I announced in the house during the consideration of my estimates last summer that we will have completed the intake for our NATO air training scheme next year. With the exception of certain limited training which we will be giving to personnel from Holland, Denmark and Norway, which countries have no air training schemes at all, we have now built up the aircrews of the NATO nations and we will only be providing training for these three countries.

This will mean that there will be some shrinking in our training facilities. There will be some changing over of some of them to active service conditions, the closing of some and a general revamping of our air training scheme to take care of our own training and that for the three nations I have mentioned. In that connection the location of our present air training schools will of course have to be considered.

**Mr. Brooks:** I want to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs a further question. Since there seems to be almost unanimous approval of this force in the United Nations, and since only a small number of members of the United Nations are making contributions to the force, has any provision been made for general contributions from the other nations that are not sending any troops in order to help pay for the cost of the troops that are being sent by the countries that are contributing? For instance, the minister said that General Burns is anxious to have more Canadians. I can understand that and I do not think the Canadian people will raise any objection to paying all the bills as far as the Canadians are concerned.

But it does seem to me that where there is such unanimity among the different nations respecting the sending of a United Nations force there should be some general contribution by the other nations of the world to help to pay for the troops that are being sent. Would the minister explain the situation?

[Mr. Hansell.]

**Mr. Pearson:** That matter is now under consideration at the assembly. A resolution was passed the other day on the financing of the force. It must be remembered that the fact that a country does not appear in the list of 23 I have just mentioned does not mean that other countries will not be making contributions later. I think I am right in saying that the secretary general felt that he had enough countries on the list at the present time to meet the need that he saw immediately before him. We are not sure in the long run how many countries will be contributing. There is also the difficulty of a country offering a small contribution but there might be no particular place for such a contribution of 100 or 150 in the force at a given time. Nevertheless you would not wish to penalize that particular country.

Then there are countries which have refused to accept the force at all, and it is going to be hard to make them pay for it. The other day the secretary general got an authorization for \$10 million, and some of the expenses of this force not attributable to any one country will be met out of that amount. Therefore the countries that do not send a contribution to the force will have to pay some proportion of the cost because they will contribute to that \$10 million.

**Mr. Brooks:** Might I ask the minister this further question. Is this force that is being sent at the present time more in the nature of a token force from the United Nations which they expect will be expanded later on from other nations?

**Mr. Pearson:** Six thousand is a fairly respectable token for this particular job. I think it is in most people's minds down there that it may have to be expanded and that other countries may have to contribute. I should not like to be too categorical on that matter at the present time. Nevertheless, I think it is more than a token force at the present time.

**Mr. Fraser (Peterborough):** May I ask the minister whether Russia will contribute toward this \$10 million?

**Mr. Pearson:** The other day when this resolution was up for decision at the United Nations assembly, Russia and its satellites all voted against it and said they would make no contribution to that \$10 million.

**Mr. Knowles:** May I ask whether Canada is making a contribution toward this \$10 million in addition to the contribution we are making by sending our troops? If so, out of what vote will such a contribution be made?