

## Peacemaking-peacekeeping parallel proposed for Cyprus

"The Canadian Government cannot contemplate an indefinite peacekeeping presence in Cyprus," declared Ambassador William H. Barton, Canada's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, on November 9.

Mr. Barton, delivering a statement on the question of Cyprus to the thirty-third session of the United Nations General Assembly, emphasized Canada's continued interest in maintaining peace in the region, noting that, for the fifteenth consecutive year, Canadian soldiers were among the United Nations troops on the island. "A total of over 20,000 Canadian soldiers have now served in Cyprus."

He also expressed hope that the guidelines listed in a joint *communiqué* on behalf of the Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus in February 1977 would continue as a framework for any further negotiations and stressed the need "to be flexible on the issue of territory". Mr. Barton stated:

### Assurance sought

"Mr. President, Canadian spokesmen at the United Nations have been reiterating on every possible occasion that the process of peacekeeping, in which Canada is engaged in Cyprus, should be accompanied by peacemaking. Canada, as a contributor to United Nations Forces in Cyprus (UNFICYP), would like to be

assured that this is indeed the case. We need to be reassured by the actions of the parties concerned that the search for a mutually tolerable accommodation is in fact being pursued earnestly and with determination.

"We think it reasonable to expect that the parties will bend their efforts to finding an accommodation that enables the UN peacekeeping force to leave Cyprus rather than keep the peacekeeping force as guardian of the *status quo*. We have made our views known on the lack of financial support for this operation and I do not propose to repeat them.

"I would say now that the Canadian Government cannot contemplate an indefinite peacekeeping presence in Cyprus. We are finding it increasingly difficult, before our public opinion, to justify Canadian participation in peacekeeping operations when they show little sign of contributing to the process of peacemaking.

"The Canadian Government has been actively considering various aspects of the Cyprus problem in the past year. For instance, in the last 12 months, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Jamieson, has visited Greece, Cyprus and Turkey and had useful discussions with the political leaders in those countries. Additionally, the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Okcun, has just been in Ottawa. Through these various encounters we are

convinced that a useful dialogue can and must be maintained both here in the United Nations and elsewhere.

### New resolutions

"We hope and pray that the intercommunal negotiations, through the good offices of the United Nations Secretary-General, will recommence shortly. To encourage this development, the Canadian delegation believes that it is incumbent upon the General Assembly to adopt resolutions which all delegations can support and implement and to eschew language which would merely exacerbate the political tensions which unfortunately still exist on the island of Cyprus.

"Mr. President, by way of conclusion, I would like to endorse a passage in the statement made earlier this week by the distinguished representative of the Greek-Cypriot Community, Mr. Michaelides. In his statement he said: "We want peace in Cyprus, and in seeking peace we are looking not to the past but to the future. Past conflicts, whether in Cyprus or anywhere else in the world, cannot be a guide to the future, if the future is to be one of peace for humanity." There can be no better basis for an early resumption of the dialogue between the two communities."

## Support from EDC increases

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) recently released third-quarter figures on the export volume covered by all its insurance programs amounting to \$375.28 million, an increase of 29 per cent over figures for the same period in 1977. The cumulative amount covered for the first three quarters of 1978 reached \$2.54 billion, an increase of 167 per cent over the amount recorded from January to September 1977.

Further benefits estimated at about \$125 million have been derived for Canada under the corporation's Foreign Investment Guarantee program which protects Canadians' investments abroad.

Included in the figures for the first time is EDC's new surety insurance program. Surety insurance protects Canadian exporters and financial institutions against loss resulting from a call of performance or advance payment bonds by the buyer in offshore contracts, as well as consortium members against non-performance by a partner in a consortium.



UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim (left) and Permanent Representative to the United Nations William H. Barton confer during a recent session of the General Assembly.

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