

Mr. MONTGOMERY: I would like to ask Mr. Smith a question: as I understand it, this emergency force is there, and it has been there for a long time. Is any consideration being given to rotating the personnel of that force at the end of two years, let us say? What preparation is being given for the training of others who might be sent in their place?

Mr. SMITH (*Hastings-Frontenac*): I do not know myself what the military people do, but the under secretary informs me that while there has been no rotation of countries, there is some type of rotation or home leave for the troops in our Canadian contingent.

Mr. MONTGOMERY: It is done only by the different countries themselves, is that the idea?

Mr. SMITH (*Hastings-Frontenac*): Yes. I do not know what happens. I myself have seen some of the troops they come home on a regular basis.

Mr. JONES: I think it should not be forgotten that despite the success of UNEF, it was not by the establishment of UNEF that the fighting itself was brought to an end, that was done by other means than through UNEF forces. UNEF was allowed in on sufferance, is still on sufferance and remains on sufferance. So UNEF's efficacy has never really been tested in continuing tension. The real force which held back the combatants at that particular time was not UNEF.

Mr. SMITH (*Hastings-Frontenac*): I would not argue the question, but is it not true that UNEF is more of what we call a police force than a combat force?

Mr. JONES: I would not go so far as to say that it is a police force because I do not think it could really get involved in a restraining action. It is a sort of corps of commissionaires.

Mr. SMITH (*Hastings-Frontenac*): The physical presence of 6,000 men, minus those out on leave, is a deterrent, and the fact that they are there as U.N. troops.

Mr. PEARSON: Is it not true that their deployment along that border has brought to an end for the time being—or has substantially brought to an end—incidents between Israel and Egypt which were largely responsible for the flare-up a year ago, because they occurred over a period of years? I am informed that these incidents have been brought to an end because of the deployment of these "commissionaires" along the border.

Mr. JONES: I was under the impression that similar results had occurred in the past along that border over a period of time.

The CHAIRMAN: Is the committee now prepared to go back to the subject of SUNFED?

Mr. PATTERSON: There are some other matters in connection with the Middle East. Is it your intention to clear them up at this time?

Mr. SMITH (*Hastings-Frontenac*): The clearance of the Suez Canal possibly, yes. There is a draft resolution before the General Assembly. But I have this memorandum that it was sparking the development—I like the use of the word "spark" in this context by the secretary general—to provide a method whereby the cost of canal clearance could be met.

Canada's contribution—no, it was not a contribution, it was a loan, or an advance of \$1 million to the United Nations to assist the secretary general in the discharge of his responsibility in connection with the clearance of the Suez Canal. Other countries offered loans, bringing the total to approximately \$11 million. According to a report dated November 1, 1957 by the secretary general, the total cost of the clearance operations has been set at approximately \$8 million, although the final figure differs slightly from this. So that is why there is this sum of nearly \$3 million available for pro rata reimbursement