

*Supply—National Defence*

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	Zaplitny—171.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the main motion?

Motion agreed to.

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister)** moved:

That the address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such members of this house as are of the honourable the privy council.

Motion agreed to.

**SUPPLY**

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

## DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

738. To provide, subject to the approval of the treasury board, assistance to the victims of the recent tragic events in Hungary, \$1,000,000.

Item agreed to.

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

739. To provide expressly that vote 235 of the Appropriation Act No. 6, 1956, be used for the purpose of meeting costs incurred for the participation of the Canadian forces in the United Nations emergency force, and to authorize payment from that vote, subject to approval of the treasury board, of contributions to the United Nations for defraying expenses incurred by it in respect of its operations to secure and supervise the cessation of hostilities in the Middle East, \$1.

**Hon. R. O. Campney (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Chairman, there is today, at this very moment, as we are all well aware, a very grave crisis existing in the Middle East. It is growing day by day. How can we, in Canada, help to resolve it? There is, for the moment, a cease-fire in effect. The shooting has been stopped. How can we help to keep it that way? There is also building up in that area a United Nations police force which is being formed to halt the killing. How can we best help strengthen that force?

There is a growing determination amongst the nations that we should get at the root causes of this conflict. How, in Canada, can we assist in doing so? These are the important considerations we must keep before us. You may say that the steps taken by the United Nations up to date have been halting, diffident and slow, and that I would

[Mr. Fulton.]

grant you, but they are steps in the right direction and they are quickening. Today the Right Hon. Selwyn Lloyd, in a very conciliatory speech which he made in the House of Commons in London said:

The United Nations force has now been constituted and is growing in numbers, and I pay tribute to the speed with which the secretary general and his advisers have acted. By December 1, there will be about 2,700 men in Egypt, and within 14 days there should be 4,400, among which will be some 700 Canadian troops.

We must, I believe, in Canada continue to do all that we can to persuade other people to walk with us along the highway to an honourable and enduring peace. We must assist afflicted nations wherever we can. Like it or not, we must in all honesty ask ourselves this question; if the United Nations fail, how can we hope to find a way to a world without war?

By now, every Canadian knows what this government in recent weeks and in the name of sanity and humanity has tried very hard to do, and with some success, surely. It has been, as is the policy of this government, to work wholeheartedly and imaginatively with the United Nations in its efforts to stop the fighting in Egypt and to create conditions which will prevent its recurrence. I should like, as one who has worked very closely with him in the last few weeks, to pay my personal tribute to my fellow cabinet minister, the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Pearson) because I have had opportunity in that time to realize the patience, the zeal and the effectiveness with which he has represented us at the United Nations.

I suspect that hon. members would like me to outline to them what the Department of National Defence and the armed forces have been doing during recent weeks to support the government's policy, and this I shall endeavour to do. What I shall say, with the information already given to hon. members, will I hope provide sufficient background for the discussion of the defence appropriation now before the committee.

This appropriation, as hon. members will have noted, is purely nominal in amount for the simple reason that it is not yet possible to predict with any accuracy what Canada's contribution to the cost of the United Nations emergency force will be, nor the extent to which these costs will be borne by the United Nations. I shall have occasion to revert to this phase of the matter later.

Approval by hon. members of the nominal defence appropriation will of course be tantamount to approval in broad outline of the actions that the government has thus far taken. The decisions that we in the government have come to after most serious thought