

UN force -- made up, in part, from personnel in UNEF --, which is being sent to Yemen in an effort to stabilize conditions in that country.

In accordance with the Security Council Resolution of July 14, 1960, the Canadian Government approved a request by the Secretary-General for the provision of a signals unit to provide communications facilities for the United Nations headquarters in the Congo, and the first Canadian element arrived in that country in August of that year. In addition to signals personnel, we also supply a small number of staff officers at United Nations headquarters, a provost section operating under the direction of this headquarters, and representatives of the RCAF are in the Congo in support of United Nations air operations.

The RCAF supplies aircraft for personnel and equipment not only to and from Egypt, but also for our forces in the Congo. At the present time there are some 280 Army and 24 Air Force personnel in the Congo.

Canadian servicemen also form part of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization in Palestine. The duty of this team is to observe and maintain the cease-fire ordered by the United Nations Council in 1949 and to assist the parties to the General Armistice Agreements in the supervision of the terms of the General Armistice Agreements concluded severally between the Governments of Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria on one hand and Israel on the other. There are a total of 18 Canadian Army officers on this team.

The United Nations Military Observer Group was formed as the result of a resolution by the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan in August 1948. The Military Observer Group is made up of representatives from various countries and, of the total 35 officers involved, Canada supplies eight.

Although the truce team in Indochina is not under United Nations control, it is, I think, related to the peace-keeping operations of that organization. The Truce Commission is composed of representatives from Canada, India and Poland and has been functioning continuously since 1954 under the terms agreed to by the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union. There are at the moment 75 representatives of the Canadian Army, two from the RCN and two from the RCAF in Indochina.

In addition to the Canadians serving abroad on behalf of the United Nations, since September 1960 an army battalion has been available in Canada for United Nations service. Plans have been made and exercises have taken place in order that this battalion could be provided on short notice in the event of a request being received. The 1st Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment, has been designated as the main element of the group. This battalion took over the responsibility from the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment, in April 1961.