

the mideast. I am not a newly convinced convert to such a force, for I brought the suggestion for it before the House of Commons of Canada in January of 1956. I argued at that time, that such a force could prevent the outbreak of war in the area in question, which today is served by that Force.

The Canadian Government is naturally deeply gratified that United Nations Emergency Force has had so large a measure of success in its endeavours, and Canada is willing to continue its contribution as long as it is considered necessary by the United Nations.

Canadians have a special pride in the fact that a Canadian, General Burns, has done his duty in so superb a manner as to have earned the approval and praise of the most objective of observers. He has done his work at personal sacrifice. My hope is that he will be able to continue to serve as commander even though his own personal interests, which he has always placed in the background, might otherwise dictate.

Canada is not unaware of the fact that Canadian troops make up some 1,200 of the total personnel of 6,000. I repeat what I said a moment ago: Canada will continue to be a strong supporter of the continuance of United Nations Emergency Force until its work is done.

We then come to the question of expenditures. The question of providing the necessary monies for the continuance of the Force suggests that an assessment among all nations of the United Nations would be in keeping with the service to peace to which this Force has contributed so much and with the declarations of the Charter of San Francisco.

I go further and say that out of the experience of United Nations Emergency Force it should be possible to evolve a system by which the United Nations will have at its disposal appropriate forces for similar services where ever they may be required. The creation of United Nations Emergency Force has provided a pilot project, if I may use that expression, for a permanent international force. Malignant diseases, however, are not cured by tranquillizers, and for that reason I still hold the view that only by the establishment of a permanent United Nations force -- and I realize the uncertain and faltering steps that must be taken to achieve this -- can many of the hopes of San Francisco be achieved.