

Israel and Egypt and the Actions of the United Nations

1. (a) How was the State of Israel created?
(b) Who was responsible for its establishment and what are the reciprocal responsibilities between that State and its creators?
2. (a) What have been Egypt's relations with Israel?
(b) What have been their mutual obligations under the 1949 armistice agreement?
(c) What has been the nature of the complaints of violations of these obligations which have come before organs of the United Nations?
(d) What has been the nature of the measures taken by United Nations bodies in dealing with these complaints?
3. (a) When did Egypt first refuse use of the Suez Canal to Israel?
(b) What reasons did Egypt give for this action?
(c) What action did the United Nations take on Israel's complaints?
4. To what extent and on what grounds has Egypt denied Israel the use of the Straits of Tiran?
5. (a) What were the conditions which made Israel feel justified in attacking Egypt?
(b) What were the declared objectives of Israel in its invasion of the Sinai Peninsula and Gaza?
6. (a) Was the Gaza Strip included in Israel when that State was created?
(b) When and in what circumstances did Egypt obtain possession of the Gaza strip?
(c) Was Egypt's control of the Gaza strip comparable to the United States' acquisition of the Alaska panhandle?
7. (a) What efforts are being made to prevent future aggression against Egypt by Israel or against Israel by Egypt?
(b) What is the function of the United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt and the Gaza strip?
(c) Are these forces maintained there only by the tolerance of Egypt and subject to its consent?
8. In what publication or publications of the Canadian Government may accounts be found of developments in relations between Israel and its neighbours including Egypt and of United Nations intervention to ameliorate their relations?