

be used to restore order and protect property and lives. It will be an international military force on the UNEF model and General Von Horn, the Chief of Staff of UNTSO has been appointed Commander. The operations of the Force will be governed by principles established for UNEF, such as shooting only in self-defence, not becoming involved in internal political conflicts, and having a balanced composition reflecting the political circumstances of its establishment.

(c) An emergency programme of supply to meet an acute food shortage in the Leopoldville area. The Secretary-General is appealing to member states of the United Nations to offer foodstuffs on a gift basis. There is a related question of providing transportation, presumably by air, for the food supplies offered.

Secondment of UNTSO Officers

2. The Secretary-General has asked General Von Horn to recommend military officers who can be spared from UNTSO duties in Palestine. The main qualification is that they should be French-speaking. These officers will serve in civilian dress in the Congo as technical advisers to the Congolese authorities responsible for internal security. The Secretary-General has now requested that 5 Canadian officers, who have volunteered to serve in the Congo, be permitted to be seconded. The Government has already approved the secondment of three of these officers (Lt-Col. Berthiaume, Major King and Major George). These officers are to fly on July 16 with General Von Horn to arrive in Leopoldville on July 17. They are part of the advance party which consists as well of Danish, Norwegian and Swedish officers of UNTSO and some United Nations Field Service personnel.

3. On arrival they will assist General Von Horn in establishing a headquarters for the United Nations Force and arranging liaison with the appropriate Congolese authorities. They will no doubt be required to assist in arrangements for the arrival of national contingents of the Force.

4. The secondment of two other Canadian officers, Major J. Clarke and Major C. McLean, has been requested with a view to their being called forward by General Von Horn in the near future. The approval of the Government is required for their secondment.

Supply of Foodstuffs

5. The Canadian Permanent Mission in New York has received a formal request from the Secretary-General for foodstuffs. The United Nations has received reports regarding the food situation in and around Leopoldville which indicated that, owing to a breakdown of the distribution system and other circumstances, a food shortage is likely to develop within the next few days. The Congolese Government has appealed to the Secretary-General to take immediate steps in order to provide assistance on an emergency basis. The Secretary-General has appealed to the Governments of United States, Soviet Union, Italy, India, Denmark, France and Canada to put at the disposal of the United Nations foodstuffs which are easily transportable and which might serve to gain the necessary time for the re-establishment of normal supplies. The expectation is that food and its transportation would be provided on a gift basis.

6. The Secretary-General would appreciate any indication concerning the possibility of providing air transportation for the foodstuffs. The United Nations contemplates establishing a staging area in Naples, from where the organization would hope to be able to take care of the transportation. The food supplies would be put at the disposal of the Congolese authorities with Dr. Ralph Bunche, in control of the U.N. side of the operation in Leopoldville.

7. Available for an emergency gift of this kind in Canada are the following commodities: canned pork, wheat/flour and whole milk powder. It is estimated that each North Star aircraft could carry 9,000 lbs. of any of these commodities. The United States is contributing 300 tons of flour which will be flown in immediately in 21 United States aircraft. The United Kingdom will supply the value of £10,000 in foodstuffs which will also be airlifted. A contribution of