

*The Address—Mr. Harkness*

and to re-establish him in a strong position in Egypt and amongst the Arab countries generally, and thus it has served to encourage the Arab countries in their belligerence. I think it has also served to encourage Russia to shoot in more and more arms with good hopes of stirring up more and more trouble in that area.

As far as the United Nations police force which has already been sent into Egypt is concerned, the composition and numbers of that force we have not had. The Minister of National Defence told us that Canada had allocated something like 2,400 soldiers and airmen. As far as the force is concerned, of that number only something like 300 army personnel and about 500 or 600 air force personnel have gone over. In other words the bulk of our commitment has not gone into Egypt at all, and quite a few of the army personnel have not gone to Egypt either. They have remained right in Naples. I see again a headline in tonight's paper—in spite of what the Secretary of State for External Affairs said about not allowing Nasser to dictate who went into Egypt, how long they stayed or when they came out—something along that line. This is one, but there have been two or three others along the same line. The one tonight reads:

Q.O.R. need Nasser O.K. before sailing  
Official of UN does not expect action unless he changes mind.

This article is dated Naples, Italy, November 28, and reads in part as follows:

A United Nations official said today that Canada's Queen's Own Rifles are not likely to sail for the Middle East unless President Nasser of Egypt changes his mind.

This is believed to be the first time that a United Nations official has admitted that the Canadian battalion is being kept out of Egypt on Nasser's say-so.

**Mr. Pearson:** There is no senior United Nations official at Naples.

**Mr. Rowe:** Is there a junior one there?

**Mr. Harkness:** All I can do is to read the article which is written by Dave McIntosh,

a Canadian reporter, who is at Naples and who apparently received this information. The article goes on to tell us about various statements by a Canadian officer, as follows:

Meanwhile, the first Canadian officer to return to Naples—

And so forth. I presume he is the man of whom they are speaking. In any event, this is not the only statement of this sort which has appeared in the newspapers in the last two or three days. I have another one from a paper of a few days earlier, which reads along the same line. This is from the *Ottawa Citizen* for Tuesday, November 27. The article is dated from Naples and reads in part as follows:

Canadian army officers in Italy say they doubt that the Queen's Own Rifles will ever be sent to the Middle East.

The officers say there have been suggestions the battalion should remove its shoulder patches to satisfy the Egyptians, but add that the morale of Canadian soldiers has already suffered enough. The only Canadian soldiers here not sent on to Egypt are members of the Queen's Own.

In spite of all these denials we have had from the Prime Minister and from the Secretary of State for External Affairs, I do not think there is any doubt that in effect Colonel Nasser has been dictating who is to make up the police force, when they come in, where they go, and so on. A police force of that kind is not going to be effective; it is not going to be able to do the job.

**Some hon. Members:** Ten o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Harkness the debate was adjourned.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Green:** What is the business for tomorrow?

**Mr. Harris:** I suppose I should give the same answer I gave last night, Mr. Speaker, that we always have hopes that tomorrow we will get into supply.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.