

It follows that Canada cannot support the resolution which was introduced by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union on June 19. That resolution would take us back to the same situation which led to the outbreak of war. It was only a few short weeks ago that Canada and other members of the Security Council attempted to convince the Council that it should appeal to the parties to exercise restraint and to forego belligerence in order to afford time for a breathing space. A resolution of that kind might have helped to prevent the outbreak of war. The failure to take action then contributed to the tragic events which have since engulfed the Middle East. We must do all we can to prevent them happening again.

To this end, I would make an urgent appeal to all concerned to put the common interest of all the peoples of the Middle East in peace and a better life above all else. It is not by condemnation and vituperation that the United Nations can find a way out of the maze of hostility, suspicion, and fear; it is by insisting that each party has the right to live in peace and security without fear of attack and by finding appropriate ways to guarantee this assurance. Military solutions to political problems are unacceptable. But one-sided political solutions are no solutions at all.

We all seek, I assume, a peaceful and just solution. The chief responsibility for finding that solution must rest with the parties to the dispute. This Organization, however, must help them to find it. I envisage two stages during which the United Nations might lend its assistance. Two United Nations bodies, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, are still actively at work amongst the refugees and observing the cease-fire. They will continue to have an indispensable contribution to make. The United Nations military observers to whom I wish to pay special tribute have already played a valuable role in observing the cease-fire and in reporting to the Secretary-General. I would expect them to exercise a continuing responsibility as withdrawal of Israeli forces takes place, particularly if arrangements can be made for this withdrawal which will result in demilitarized zones on both sides of the borders.

Since the inception of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees the Canadian Government has consistently been among the highest contributors to that agency. We have provided transportation facilities, food relief, and funds for use by the Red Cross. The Canadian Government will be glad to consider the provision of further assistance to the Agency for purposes of