

length of its assignment will be determined by the needs arising out of the present situation. It is not intended to influence the military balance in the present conflict and thereby the political balance affecting efforts to settle that conflict. It is limited in its operations to the extent that consent of the parties concerned is required under generally recognized international law; the force cannot be stationed, nor can it operate, on the territory of a given country without the consent of the government of that country. In short, the Emergency International United Nations Force, now more properly called "United Nations Emergency Force", is more than an observer corps but it is in no way to be a military force temporarily controlling the territory in which it will be stationed.

I am confident that Canadians in all walks of life will agree that the initiative of the Canadian Delegation in the establishment of the United Nations Emergency Force is consistent with the emphasis which we have placed on the role of the United Nations in the settlement of international disputes and reflects also the general Canadian views on how the United Nations can best implement its responsibilities in this vital field.

I have been most heartened at the reaction amongst the members of the Commonwealth to our initiative in the United Nations and deeply relieved that, through this method, the means have been found whereby we all can make an active and positive contribution to the cause of peace together with all our Allies in NATO and so many other members of the United Nations. It was for a time a sad spectacle to see, at the United Nations, the United States and many of our European Allies with the Soviet Union and its satellites on one side, and France and the United Kingdom and other of our Commonwealth partners on the other - a spectacle which we, as Canadians, hope never to see repeated.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is vital for our security and its smooth functioning, free of any even subconscious reservations on the part of its members, is essential for its continued success.

Hungary

Well, it is an ill wind that blows everyone no good. It would be idle to deny that the Middle East crisis did serve to obscure in the minds of many people around the world, and especially in nations of Asia, the enormity of the vicious Soviet intervention in Hungary during these past weeks when courageous men and women, yes, even children unaided by any outside sources were striving so hard and so heroically to throw off the yoke of tyranny which is the nature of the Soviet colonial system.