

Canada also has military personnel serving with the Indo-China Truce Commissions in Vietnam and Laos. Expenditures relating to these operations are on a cost-sharing basis and by March 31, 1964 amounted to some \$10,200,000, of which \$8 million was absorbed by Canada and \$2,200,000 classed as recoverable. Outstanding recoverable expenditures at the fiscal year-end amounted to \$415,000.

Mr. HENDERSON: No. 63 is again a 1964 item having to do with Military Assistance to the United Nations and the Indo-China Truce Commissions. This note can be said to be an information one indicating how Canada recovers a portion of its costs on peace-keeping operations for the United Nations and various countries. It will be noted that the total recoverable expenditures over the years has amounted to \$23 million of which \$2,700,000 was outstanding and unpaid at March 31, 1964. This amounted, at December 31, 1965, to a total of \$5,750,000. In the case of expenditures relating to military personnel serving in the Indo-China Truce Commissions in Vietnam and Laos, outstanding recoverable expenditures at March 31, 1964 will be noted to have been \$415,000. The figure unpaid at December 31, 1965, amounted to \$775,000. Excepting for the Yemen operation which is within the United Nations figure, no payments were received from either of the sources indicated here during the period of one year and nine months mentioned.

With regard to the Yemen operation which is, as I mentioned, within the United Nations figure, the balance here was \$265,000 at March 31, 1964 and this was reduced by payments to \$70,600 at March 31, 1965 and this balance was paid off on March 22, 1966. This, therefore, leaves the major balance owing from the United Nations at the present time, and it stems largely, according to my information, from the Congo operation and from the United Nations expeditionary force operations on the Gaza Strip. I do not know whether members have any questions on this.

Mr. MUIR (*Lisgar*): Is it expected that this will ever be recovered in total?

Mr. HENDERSON: I understand that it is hoped that a large portion of it will be recovered, Mr. Muir, particularly if—as a result of the discussions now going on between the 14 ad hoc committee and the U.N. regarding delinquent contributors—their efforts meet with success.

Mr. MUIR (*Lisgar*): For the sake of bookkeeping if it is not recovered is it treated as a write-off?

Mr. HENDERSON: I think the department would want to see the outcome of all these various negotiations and it would take some time before they had reached the point where they would write it off.

Mr. THOMAS (*Middlesex West*): What is the point in putting it in here, Mr. Henderson?

Mr. HENDERSON: The note was put in here to show the size of the debts that were mounting up, Mr. Thomas. As I mentioned, it was an information note only in order to bring to the attention of the House the size of Canada's contribution and the length of time in which we have to carry it before we can obtain reimbursement. We have no criticisms other than that. You might say it is a substantial overdue accounts receivable really.