

amazing industry and diplomatic skill and fair mindedness. However, Mr. Speaker, this is not, I admit, too satisfactory a procedure though it may be the best possible that the United Nations Assembly was able to obtain having regard to the fact that a two-thirds majority of the Assembly must be achieved for any resolution.

Responsibilities of the UN

Let us then go back and see what are the responsibilities of the United Nations which the Secretary-General is now to do his best to make effective; and I believe he is leaving tomorrow for the Middle East for that purpose. We stated in this House these responsibilities or these functions as laid down by the General Assembly resolutions, on November 27, beginning I think at page 61 of Hansard. We then pointed out in this House that these responsibilities were laid down or outlined in the Secretary-General's report of November 4, which is the guiding document in this matter, especially paragraph 12 of that report. That report can be found on page 13 of the White Paper dealing with the story of the Middle East already tabled in this House. Paragraph 12, the important paragraph of that report which contains the basic terms of reference for the Secretary-General with regard to United Nations responsibility and particularly the functions of the United Nations Emergency Force, reads as follows:

. . .The functions of the United Nations Force would be, when a cease-fire is being established, to enter Egyptian territory with the consent of the Egyptian Government, in order to help maintain quiet during and after the withdrawal of non-Egyptian troops, and to secure compliance with the other terms established in the resolution of November 2, 1956.

It is therefore important to remember what were those other terms of the resolution of November 2. They were also given to the House by me in my statement on November 27 and 29 and they are also quoted on page 8 of the White Paper. This resolution of November 2, which is basic in this connection -- and it will be recalled that we were criticized by the Official Opposition for not voting against this resolution -- includes the following provisions which should be recalled:

1. Urges as a matter of priority that all parties now involved in hostilities in the area agree to an immediate cease-fire and as part thereof halt the movement of military forces and arms into the area;
2. Urges the parties to the armistice agreements promptly to withdraw all forces behind the armistice lines into neighbouring territory, and to observe scrupulously the provisions of the armistice agreements;