

PEACE-KEEPING MEETING

Text of Statement by the Minister
to the House of Commons on Monday,

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I wish to make a statement to the House on the peace-keeping meeting which will be held in Ottawa from November 2 to 6.

This meeting is the outcome of a suggestion made by the Prime Minister in his address before the General Assembly of the United Nations on September 19, 1963. At that time the Prime Minister stated that Canada would welcome the opportunity to share its experience with other states which have participated in United Nations peace-keeping operations. To this end he proposed that there should be an examination by interested governments of the problems and techniques of peace-keeping operations.

One of the main tasks confronting the United Nations is to find ways of strengthening and improving the peace-keeping capacity of the Organization, to learn from the experience gained in previous operations, and to seek more effective ways to perform this function in the future. The present meeting is a first step in that direction.

As I explained to the Standing Committee on External Affairs on July 9, the aim is to review the past experience of United Nations peace-keeping operations and to exchange views on the practical and technical problems which have been encountered in the course of these