

Why, then, did he take this course? That will always be a matter of difficulty. Was he building for some other plans? Was he endeavouring to undermine? Was he in fact fearful that in the years ahead he would again be thwarted by the Assembly? The Congo situation at the time was very serious.

I digress for a moment to say this - that during the past three days the situation in Leopoldville has been dangerously tense. The Government is in hourly touch with the situation. In a state of affairs charged with emotion, when there has been a breakdown of civil authority, there is no possibility of assuring that there will not be a renewal of violence. However, more hopefully I can say this about the Canadians serving over there, on the basis of reports from the Canadian representatives in Leopoldville and at the United Nations - that necessary precautions have been taken to ensure a reasonable degree of security for the United Nations Force. The Force is in a state of alert. The Canadian contingent has been authorized to take those measures that are necessary in self-defence.

All of us can but hope that those who today serve in that international force for Canada will be protected and preserved. They are there for the maintenance of order. Inevitably they are faced with risks. These risks are inescapable. They represent the human price that must be paid in the discharge of essential international obligations.

The United Nations

And now, what of the United Nations?

I saw it born. I remember well in San Francisco in 1945 the hopes and aspirations of all mankind. They were embodied there, as the representatives of Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and France and other nations gathered together. I believe the United Nations today is facing its greatest challenge. I do not think that Mr. Khrushchov made any particular impression on the Asian or African delegations by his proposal for a praesidium. I do not think those nations rely on the U.S.S.R. to defend and protect their independence; they know that the U.S.S.R. today endeavours to take over the souls of those peoples yet uncommitted. But I do believe this - that those nations have been attracted and encouraged by the idea of having more influence in the administrative branch of the United Nations. This is something that we must face in the days ahead, for the West no longer has a majority in the United Nations and I think changes will have to be made.

As far as we in Canada are concerned, we have taken the stand that the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council should be enlarged, to the end that proper representation, geographically and culturally, may be achieved.