

constantly hearing warm praise of the judgment and kindly help you have so often extended to less happier lands. The service that you are rendering in Indochina is but one example of the world's debt to you. By this action alone you made possible an armistice which may yet become a peace.

If I may conclude on a slightly more familiar note, I have from my childhood, like many of you, seen this great nation grow up into a position where its authority is among the foremost in the world. I have no doubt of what the future holds. You will be called upon to carry ever more burdensome responsibilities, but they go with authority. That is inescapable. Yet ever so at home and over the world at large there is great comfort in that thought, for I have no doubt that the guidance and wisdom of Canada will always be thrown in the scales on the side of toleration and peace.

It is not given to many of us to look far into the future, but of this no one who observes your country from outside can doubt a future, an almost unimaginably great future, is in your hands. I have no doubt that you will fashion it in a manner worthy of a great people.

And so I salute this Canada which commands the future as probably no other land in the world today. I salute you also as the standard bearer of loyalty and a herald of goodwill. And I wish you well.

Press Conference Excerpts

(A Press Conference was held by the Right Honourable Sir Anthony Eden, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom assisted by the Right Honourable Selwyn Lloyd, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Kingdom, at Ottawa, February 7, 1956.)

Question: In your speech yesterday to the House you said you were ready to participate, I believe, in an international police force in Israel, if such a force were set up and if General Burns found favour with the idea of strengthening the truce commission there. How do we get the ball rolling on that? Where does the first move come from?

Mr. Eden: It was not quite that. What I think I said, and it is on the record, was that there are already observers on the spot and it might be desirable to increase the number of observers. If so, we were in favour of that, but it must be for General Burns to advise. Let me say I have the utmost confidence in him. He is doing an absolutely first class job. It is also a matter for the United Nations Secretary-General. It would not be proper or possible for our countries to just say we think the United Nations should have more. But we have expressed the view that if they wanted to have more we would be willing to join in that effort. Perhaps the Foreign Secretary who has been dealing with this idea a long time would like to say a word about that.

Mr. Lloyd: It would be a matter for the United Nations and also for the governments in the area concerned. There is going to be no attempt to impose on an unwilling people something which they do not want. The question of recruitment and increased facilities and all the rest of it must be a matter for the detailed recommendation of General Burns, and also the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Hammarskjöld, who has been there and has been discussing the matter. We shall have to await his return to discuss the matter further.

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Question: I wanted to put a question on Indochina. Have you officially