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able idea that they should be resettled in Israel. If I were an Arab refugee I have a doubt whether I would care to be settled in Israel. I think that our government should be taking steps to bring pressure on Israel to accept some of this responsibility, to see that this sore in the heart of the Middle East is permanently cured; and we, as a member of the United Nations, should be prepared to play our part in financing the sort of development that is going to be required.

However, first of all there must be, as I have told some of my Israeli friends, the conviction of sin before there can be any steps taken on the path toward salvation, and they are not helping the problem by attempting to deny the facts of history. To me it is tragic that a people who have suffered at the hands of those who have habitually rewritten history should be attempting to rewrite it on their own behalf. So I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that in pursuing our foreign policy, wherever we have accepted this sort of obligation the Canadian government should pursue a double-pronged policy: an economic policy, and the other a diplomatic policy. In this case we should provide credit to the Arab states to enable them to build up their economies, and at the same time we should use our position in the United Nations to bring pressure on the other side to this conflict.

It seems to me that a country which for eight years has maintained troops there, has again undertaken a similar task in Cyprus, and before that undertook a similar task in the Congo, is one which should demand that its voice be listened to with respect in the United Nations. It is one which should be able to bargain with the great powers which are so happy to leave these peace keeping operations to the nice, mild, powerless, middle-sized nations of the world. As I said before, Mr. Chairman, I have the feeling that Canada and the other six nations who comprise the United Nations emergency force on the Gaza strip are being made suckers of by the great powers of the world who, behind this nice police action which we are engaging in, holding the status quo, are still pursuing their oil and military machinations and private policies behind the scenes. I think it is time that we woke up. Most Canadians are proud of the role which Canada has played in these affairs, and I think we would be much prouder if, before we make one of these efforts again, we and our partners were vested with full authority from the United Nations to seek a permanent solution instead of merely acting as international cops—an international police

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force to stand there and maintain the status quo.

There is another aspect to this. I have mentioned the necessity to my mind of providing credit to the Arab countries for their development. There is something else which should be done too. We hear a great deal about the boycott which the Arab nations have imposed on a number of firms who have been dealing with the state of Israel, and this is a situation which I deplore. I think that a boycott of this sort is thoroughly evil. But we should not forget that there is another boycott, too, which is taking place simultaneously right here in Canada, where powerful interests are preventing any growing trade with the Arab countries, involving Canada without our knowledge in this war between the two forces in the Middle East. This should also be brought to a full stop if we are to seek a permanent solution in that sad and tragic part of the world.

I should like to conclude, Mr. Chairman, by expressing publicly my great gratitude and appreciation to the government of Egypt and the government of Israel which tendered me this invitation to visit them and who were both so generous and hospitable while I was there. It seems to me that the best service I could render both those governments is to try and persuade the government of Canada to take some positive steps toward seeking a solution to their joint problems in that area; and to my mind trade is one of the major steps which should be taken at this time.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Byrne: Oh no.

Mr. Roxburgh: God forbid.

Mr. Woolliams: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, I have just read an article in the newspaper which criticizes the way some members handle themselves in debate. I should like to say that it is that kind of howling and interruption on the part of backbenchers on the Liberal side which is ruining parliament, and I would ask you as chairman to bring them to order. The hon. member for Acadia has just risen in his place to make a speech and even before he starts to speak he is already being heckled and shouted at by people not interested in the dignity of parliament.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): I should like to thank the hon. member for Bow River for his remarks.