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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT, IN RESPONSE TO AN URGENT REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SEND EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THAT COUNTRY, WHERE SUDDEN AND SEVERE FLOODS HAVE CAUSED WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION AND SUFFERING. AN IMMEDIATE CONSIGNMENT, CONSISTING OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND CONCENTRATED FOODSTUFFS, HAS BEEN SENT THIS AFTERNOON FROM UPLANDS AIRPORT, OTTAWA, BY A TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE. THIS WILL FLY TO CEYLON BY THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE POSSIBLE.

THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING WHAT FURTHER STEPS CAN BE TAKEN MOST EFFECTIVELY TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF CEYLON IN THE PRESENT EMERGENCY, AND HAS ASKED ITS ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CEYLON TO REPORT FURTHER ON THE SITUATION FROM DAY TO DAY. ENGLISH TEXT ENDS.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1957

REPORT OF UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUNGARY

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUNGARY, WHICH WAS RELEASED IN NEW YORK THIS MORNING, IS BEING STUDIED WITH CLOSE INTEREST BY THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES. IT IS A LENGTHY DOCUMENT OF OVER 400 PAGES, AND OBVIOUSLY WILL REQUIRE SOME TIME FOR DETAILED EXAMINATION.

IT IS KNOWN THAT THE COMMITTEE CARRIED OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES DILIGENTLY AND IMPARTIALLY, AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS DESERVE THE HIGHEST COMMENDATION. THE REPORT ESTABLISHES, WITHOUT LEAVING ANY GROUNDS FOR DENIAL, THAT THE HUNGARIAN UPRISING WAS SPONTANEOUS AND UNPROVOKED, THAT THE SOVIET INTERVENTION WAS IMPOSED UPON THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF HUNGARY, AND THAT THIS INTERVENTION WAS RESISTED AND RESENTED BY VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE HUNGARIAN NATION.

THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ARE NOW STUDYING THE REPORT AND CONSULTING WITH THE NATIONS WHICH CO-SPONSORED THE RESOLUTION SETTING UP THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT A MEETING OF THE CO-SPONSORS WILL BE HELD SOON TO DECIDE HOW THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT SHOULD BE HANDLED AT THE 12TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH OPENS IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER.