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Text of a statement made on October 13, 1954, by Mr. G.D. Weaver, M.P., Canadian Representative in the Ad Hoc Political Committee of the ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, on agenda item 63 - Complaint by the Union of Burma regarding aggression against it by the Government of the Republic of China.

Note: The text of the resolution adopted by the Committee and the results of the voting are included at the end of the statement.

The views of the Canadian Delegation on this item on our agenda were clearly set out during the discussion at the seventh and eighth sessions of the General Assembly, and I do not intend now to reiterate them in detail. In brief, we have regarded the presence and activities of these foreign troops in Burma as an intolerable violation of the territory and sovereignty of the Union of Burma, and we have therefore warmly supported the efforts made, through the United Nations, to have these troops removed from Burma or disarmed and interned.

The Canadian Delegation has examined carefully the report of the Joint Military Committee and the report on the present situation presented by the Government of the Union of Burma, and we are pleased to note that substantial progress has now been made towards the elimination of this problem. Great difficulties had to be overcome in evacuating such large numbers of troops and dependents, and we feel that tribute should be paid to the Government of Burma and to the Governments on the Joint Military Committee who have co-operated so effectively in a sincere effort to carry out the expressed will of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Although we regret very much that there are still considerable numbers of these armed foreign troops on Burmese soil, a substantial contribution to solving the problem has now been made, and we trust further progress can be made towards a final solution. To this end the Canadian Delegation is pleased to associate itself, as one of the co-sponsors, with the resolution referred to by the Representative of the United Kingdom.

Voting  
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Text of  
Resolution

The General Assembly,

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Having considered the report dated 27 September 1954 (A/2739) of the Government of the Union of Burma on the situation relating to the presence of foreign forces in its territory,

Having taken note of the report (A/2740) of the Joint Military Committee for the Evacuation of Foreign Forces from Burma the efforts of which were directed to securing the removal of these foreign forces,

1. Notes with satisfaction that nearly 7,000 persons, both foreign forces and their dependents, have been evacuated from Burma and that this constitutes a substantial contribution to the solution of the problem pursuant to the recommendations of the General Assembly;

2. Expresses its appreciation of the efforts of the Governments of the United States of America and of Thailand in helping to bring about this evacuation;

3. Deplores the fact that considerable foreign forces with a significant quantity of arms still remain in the territory of the Union of Burma and have failed to respond to the declarations of the General Assembly that they should either leave the territory of the Union of Burma or submit to internment;

4. Declares once more that these forces should submit to disarmament and internment;

5. Assures the Government of the Union of Burma of its continuing sympathy with and support of the efforts of that Government to bring about a complete solution of this serious problem;

6. Urges all States to take all necessary steps to prevent the furnishing of any assistance which may enable foreign forces to remain in the territory of the Union of Burma or to continue their hostile acts against that country;

7. Invites the Government of the Union of Burma to report on the situation to the General Assembly as appropriate.



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