



## STATEMENTS AND SPEECHES

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HUNGARIAN SITUATION

The following is the text of a statement by Dr. R.A. MacKay, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, in the debate on Hungary in the General Assembly of the United Nations, Friday, November 9, 1956.

My intervention will be very brief.

Within the past two days this Assembly has been heartened by the replies received from the governments recently engaged in military operations in the Near East. A cease-fire and withdrawal have been agreed to by all concerned. They have agreed to the entry of a United Nations force, pending a general settlement. What a contrast to the situation in Hungary. Not all the facts of the situation in Hungary are available, but more than enough to prove the continued brutal interference by force of arms of one great country in the internal affairs of a small neighbour. I would ask once again the questions asked of the Soviet delegation by the Honourable L.B. Pearson, earlier in this debate. For obvious reasons I address these questions to the Soviet delegation rather than to the delegation which purports to represent Hungary.

Will the Soviet Union give similar undertakings for a cease-fire and withdrawal, I repeat, and withdrawal, with respect to Hungary?

Second, will the Soviet Government and the Hungarian Government admit a United Nations Mission of observers to report back to the Assembly as approved in the Resolution of this Assembly of the 4th of November?

Further, United Nations machinery appropriate to the situation in Hungary is no less required than is United Nations machinery in the Middle East. Where, except from the United Nations can an impartial and disinterested authority be obtained to hold the ring and thus enable the Hungarian people to form the kind of free national government they desire,

without fear or reprisal? Is the Soviet Government prepared to accept any such solution for Hungary? Here is its chance, perhaps its last chance, to prove its good faith.

I regret that I can find no evidence in the statement of the Representative of the USSR in this morning's debate that his Government has any intention of permitting the Hungarian people any freedom of choice or that it has any intention of withdrawing its forces from Hungarian territory. This from the Government that has made such loud protestations these last few days about intervention by other Governments in the Middle East.

With respect to the draft Resolution put forward by Cuba, Ireland, Italy, Pakistan, and Peru (Document A/3316) my Delegation can do no other than vote in favour.

We shall also support the Resolution just now introduced by the Representative of the United States (Document A/3319).

This Resolution is solely concerned with the humanitarian aspects of the situation in Hungary. Surely this purpose, and this Resolution, can be supported by all Delegations genuinely interested in human welfare and the relief of suffering. In this connection, I have been authorized to state that Canada is ready to give priority to applications for immigration from Hungarian refugees; to contribute an additional \$100,000 to the High Commissioner for Refugees, specifically for the aid of Hungarian refugees, and to contribute a further \$100,000 to the Canadian Red Cross for Hungarian relief.

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