It is vital that the American people have a clear understanding of the position of the United States in the United Nations regarding Palestine.

This country vigorously supported the plan for Partition established for Palestine by the United Nations Special Committee and by the General Assembly. We have explored every possibility consistent with the basic principles of the Charter for achieving an effective solution. Unfortunately, it has become clear that the partition plan cannot be carried out at this time by peaceful means. We could not undertake to impose this solution on the people of Palestine by the use of American troops, both on Charter grounds and as a matter of national policy.

The United Nations has repeatedly affirmed the firm intention to promote the interests of the Palestinian people and to hold the hope of peace. The United Nations, as the custodian of the mandate which is the capital of preserving life and honor, believes that the interests of the world and the interests of the nation will be served by the achievement of this goal.

These dreams are fantastic. Responsible governments in the United Nations have been working towards this present situation, with the understanding and support of the United Nations institutions, to promote an effective solution for Palestine. We believe in the ultimate United Nations solution for Palestine, which is the only solution to keep the peace.

The United Nations has not abandoned the partition plan as an effort to establish a new state on the basis of the partition plan but as an effort to fill the vacuum soon to be created by the termination of the mandate on July 21. The Trusteeship does not prejudice the status of the Final Political Settlement. It would establish the conditions of order which are essential to a peaceful solution.

If we are to move rapidly to Palestine, an immediate step must be taken between the Arab and Jews of that country, in an orderly fashion, as part of the United Nations Security Council and in the strongest terms that representation of the Arab and Jew be called as soon as the Council makes to arrange such a conference.

The United Nations is prepared to extend any appropriate assistance to the United Nations in preventing and in reaching a peaceful settlement. If the United Nations agrees to a temporary trusteeship, we must take our share of the necessary responsibility. The work for the United Nations, for the peace of the world and for our own well-being is our own service.

With such a task and such a responsibility, a peaceful settlement must be possible without any, open action to stop. Over the horizon, American policy in this emergency period is based squarely upon the recognition of this imperative fact.