

Canada will show their compassion by trying to understand this very complicated situation and will give generously through donations to the Combined Appeal for Pakistani Relief. Currently, the Canadian public's donations have averaged 3 cents per person. Surely we can raise this to the price of a 15-cent cup of coffee.

In this report Mr. Ignatieff expresses a sincere vote of thanks to the Department of National Defence, the Canadian International Development Agency and the flight crews from 437 T squadron Air Transport Command for the airlift provided for UNICEF material. At the time of writing this report, seven Boeing 707 flights had been provided at an estimated cost of \$50,000 per flight or a total contribution of \$350,000. These flights are helping fulfil the first priority need of shelter by transporting polyethylene and sheet tarpaulins purchased in Canada by UNICEF.

He said:

When these flights are completed on August 10 over 50,000 tarpaulins will have been purchased...will provide cover for approximately three-quarters of a million refugees.

He commented that these flights require a minimum of three separate crews who incur most arduous flying conditions. I do not want to leave the subject of aid to the Pakistani refugees and the work being done by Canadians who understand this tragedy and take steps toward increasing aid without making reference to the trip this summer by three Members of Parliament, the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin) of the NDP, the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie) of the Progressive Conservative party, and the hon. member for Lafontaine (Mr. Lachance) of the Liberal party. At the invitation of the Indian and Pakistani governments, and with the assistance of the Canadian High Commission in India, these three gentlemen had an opportunity to view at first-hand the tragedy taking place there and to come back and prepare a report which has been placed in the hands of all Members of Parliament.

If hon. members have not read that report, I suggest that they do. It is a very sobering report indeed and one in which they set aside any party considerations and as Canadians and parliamentarians faced up to placing before Parliament their united view in respect of what they saw and what they thought could be done. At a time when many of us were on holiday this was a great effort on the part of these members and one which warrants the praise and attention of all members of this House of Commons.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Deachman:** We can say in respect of UNICEF, Mr. Speaker, that this is one agency Canadians can support not only through the medium of their government but to a very considerable extent voluntarily and from their hearts. I say to members of this House and to the people of my own constituency that there can be nothing more satisfactory than taking part in the work of one of these agencies, and I suggest that UNICEF is one that merits assistance.

I want to thank members of this House for their attention this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, and for the opportunity

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under the motion presented by the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce (Mr. Allmand) to speak on this subject and to draw to their attention the work of UNICEF and more particularly the work of UNICEF in Canada. I am happy to say that this year I am a member of the board of directors and am very interested and indeed fascinated by the great work they are doing.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question?

**An hon. Member:** Question.

• (4:40 p.m.)

**Mr. John Roberts (York-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, like the hon. member who spoke before me, I welcome the opportunity that the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce (Mr. Allmand) has given us to discuss these questions related to the United Nations. He is one of the members of the House whose enthusiasm and concern for international affairs I have long admired. I continue to admire those qualities even though he has ceased to be my landlord, something which put him in a position of considerable authority over me, and even though I find on occasion that his views are simple minded. He is direct in his approach to international problems and I am grateful that he has put the motion in this way before the House.

It is almost what you might call an omnibus motion, Mr. Speaker, except that I know you do not permit omnibus motions, because it covers so much ground and problem areas in relation to the United Nations. I would like to touch on each one of the six sections the hon. member has listed in his motion before going on to discuss at more length something that I think is of great importance, and that is the peacekeeping role of the United Nations and Canada's efforts to strengthen and enhance that role.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, I had the good fortune and the privilege to be chairman of the subcommittee of the Standing Committee on External Affairs which prepared a report on peacekeeping, one which I recommend to all members of the House, one which I felt did not receive the kind of attention and publicity I hope it would have received, and one to which the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce contributed a great deal.

One criticism I would make of the hon. member's motion is its vagueness. For instance, when we look at the first section we find he asks that somehow we provide that the decisions of the Security Council be enforceable. Having placed it in that way, he really begs the very difficult question we face in relation to the Security Council because the real question is: Enforceable by whom, and against whom? On that he has been rather imprecise. I say this because at the present time there is no difficulty in making decisions of the Security Council enforceable if the members of the Security Council can come to unanimous agreement on what it is they wish to have done.

I rather suspect, although I may be mistaken and I hope the hon. member will correct me if I am, that he is thinking of decisions made by a part of the council, or a