

HOUSE OF COMMONS

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STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

GRENADA—CONDEMNATION OF INVASION BY UNITED STATES FORCES

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East): Madam Speaker, while we were truly shocked by the bloody coup d'état in Grenada two weeks ago and would have supported reasonable international action to deal with that situation, we can in no way approve of the action taken yesterday by the United States Government in invading that small country. There is no doubt that the invasion of Grenada by United States marines is a clear violation of international law, the United Nations Charter and, in effect, constitutes an act of war against Grenada.

If the United States' action was taken solely to protect and evacuate United States citizens after less extreme alternatives were attempted, then there could be some justification. This does not seem to be the case. It is significant that the United States did not even discuss its true plans with Canada, despite the fact that Canada is the senior Commonwealth nation in America.

The other reason given by the United States was to restore democratic institutions. While that is a noble intention, it is hard to believe, since many of the Governments supported by the United States in Central America, the Caribbean, and Latin America, are military dictatorships. If the United States is sincerely interested in restoring democracy in Latin America, will it now invade Chile?

The United States action in Grenada must be condemned, Madam Speaker, not only because it is a violation of international law but also because it allows for the settlement of disputes by force rather than by peaceful means.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member's time has expired.

POLITICAL PARTIES

INVITATION TO LIBERAL PARTY FUND RAISING DINNER—MR. TAYLOR SENDS HIS REGRETS

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, would you believe it, Senator Keith Davey sent me—yes, me—a personal letter. He thinks I am a Liberal. I am angry, enraged, furious, indignant, fuming, incensed, boiling, maddened, irritated, galled, offended, umbraged, miffed, nauseated, outraged, riled, envenomed, soured, wounded, vitiated, debased, peeved, nettled, defiled, annoyed, smeared, chafed, rasped, triturated, abraded, furcated, defiled, stained, soiled, blemished, stunned, bewildered, puzzled, befuddled, bemuddled, confounded, mystified, perplexed, baffled, baited, devilled, lured, decoyed, vulgarized, debased, and insulted.

The Senator wants me to send him \$250 for a ticket for a dinner with the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau). I am beseeched, entreated, adjured, implored, pleaded, supplicated, obsecrated, obtested, solicited, tintinnabulated, blandished, wheedled, blarneyed, inveigled, blubbered, bothered, buttered, cajoled, wheedled, and coaxed to attend.

It made me disconsolate, inconsolable, unconsolable, comfortless, forlorn, heartsick, soul sick, heartsore, heartbroken, and dejected. I coughed, wheezed, hawked, expectorated, vomited, and puked. In plain English, Madam Speaker, will you tell the Senator that I will not be attending the dinner because I am a Tory.

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NICARAGUA—THREAT OF INVASION—CALL FOR CONDEMNATION OF UNITED STATES POLICIES

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, yesterday Xabier Gorostiaga from Nicaragua visited with several Members of this House to explain the present situation in his country. He is responsible for the creation of the Nicaraguan Institute for Social and Economic Research. He explained to us that during the year 1980 the economy of Nicaragua had progressed by 10 per cent, by 6 per cent in 1981, that there was a bad year in 1982 because of the floods, but that it recovered again by 4 per cent in the first semester of 1983.

He wanted to tell the people of Canada about the fear he has of an invasion which could possibly follow the same model as that which took place in Grenada yesterday. Yesterday's invasion violates international law and contravenes the Charter of the United Nations. At the same time, he spoke of the fear of the Nicaraguan people because this is the time of year when