

a letter that a special assistant in the Prime Minister's Office sent to my chief of staff which states, "Please find enclosed copy of correspondence—" for my attention. "The family wish to reside here. I thank you for your kind assistance".

If that is the type of representation that is bothering the Member, it is the right of every Member of Parliament to divert pieces of correspondence, as other Members have done, and some 7,000 have been received in my office in the last 13 months.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): As a result of government orders, the Ottawa immigration counsellor wrote in her notes, "I thought we were employed by the Treasury Board and not a political Party"—and the Justice Minister laughs.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: You are a joke. You are a disgrace.

Mr. Marchi: Therefore, I wish to ask the Minister why were there special orders and a ministerial permit issued on behalf of Mr. Grossmann when the gentleman had not even submitted an application form to the Ottawa office, and furthermore had failed to make the appropriate request at a scheduled appointment at our Canadian Embassy in Paris? What possible reasons justify such a flagrant disregard of the process and of our Immigration Act?

An Hon. Member: Resign!

Mr. Marchi: I will put my seat on the line.

Mr. Epp (Provencher): John, there goes another one.

Hon. Gerry Weiner (Minister of State (Immigration)): Mr. Speaker, I do not know why there has been such a fuss about this case.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Rossi: You should know, Gerry.

Mr. Weiner: There are provisions in the Act to apply for immigrant status.

The Leader of the Opposition perhaps remembers the time he called my office and wished some attention.

Mr. Mazankowski: Shame on you, John!

An Hon. Member: Resign!

An Hon. Member: No, don't resign. Stay right there.

Mr. Speaker: I am sure that the Hon. Minister will answer the question as briefly as possible.

Mr. Weiner: This case is no different from hundreds of others that are handled in a routine manner.

Oral Questions

The immigration guidelines are public, and they contain specific instructions for dealing with people like Mr. Grossmann who have good prospects for employment, have established a home, and have raised and educated children here. I wish to quote from the guidelines of instructions to our officers which state:

Officers may consider sympathetically the situation of long-term employment authorization holders who request processing of their application for permanent residence from within Canada.

I am prepared to table those guidelines, Mr. Speaker.

• (1430)

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for New Westminster—Coquitlam.

Ms. Jewett: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs and concerns what signal Canada is giving to the black majority in South Africa—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps Hon. Members on the government side and in the ranks of Her Majesty's Official Opposition might wait until the next round when they could carry on their discussions.

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APARTHEID

SOUTH AFRICA—ISSUE OF VIOLENCE

Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs and concerns what signal Canada is giving to the black majority in South Africa, first relating to violent struggle.

The Prime Minister has said that while we don't condone violence, we can understand why South African blacks sometimes resort to violence when violence sanctioned by the state is used to maintain the apartheid regime.

In late August the Minister told Oliver Tambo, I understand, that the ANC should abandon violent struggle in return for Canadian support.

What is the black majority in South Africa to believe?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have written today to *The Globe and Mail* with regard to the article which the Hon. Member is citing, pointing out the inaccuracy of the suggestion she has just made that was made in *The Globe and Mail* with regard to the conversations with Mr. Tambo.