

*Arab-Israeli Conflict*

In all of these cases, as in others, I know that there are many Israelis who share my concerns. Israel, to its credit, is not a single-minded community. It is a democratic community capable of open, internal self-criticism and, hopefully, always will be. Witness the immediate protests by thousands of Israelis which were instrumental in securing an inquiry into the massacres in Lebanon. It is to those many Israelis, who, living out of the prophetic tradition, want to combine justice for others with justice for Israel, that we must look for the enduring peace which the whole world must truly seek in the Middle East. Likewise, let us look to those Palestinians who seek justice for others as well as for the Palestinian people.

**Mr. Prud'homme:** Could I ask a question of the Hon. Member?

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** The Hon. Member for Saint-Denis rises to put a question to the Hon. Member. Will he accept the question?

**Mr. Blaikie:** I am not sure we have the time, Mr. Speaker, but if he can fit it in, yes.

**Mr. Prud'homme:** Mr. Speaker, I listened with great attention to the Hon. Member because it is a subject which has been with me for the last 15 years. I would like to ask the Hon. Member, and I repeat again that I listened with absolutely

great interest—it is one of the most remarkable speeches I have heard in my last 19 years in the House on a very difficult subject—I would like to know if the Hon. Member could enlighten us by giving me at long last a definition of “homeland”. I would rather say “a country”. I have a country. Everyone has a country. But it seems there we are afraid to use the real word, “A country. A passport.” What is the definition of “homeland”, because even in my own Government we do not agree on the definition of homeland.

**Mr. Blaikie:** Mr. Speaker, as I understand the word “homeland” it is a word that the Palestinian people themselves, use, and this is something they would want to define presumably, in negotiation with Israel and other people who are concerned.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Order. Pursuant to Standing Order 24(2) it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings.

[*Translation*]

It being six o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m., pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 2(1).

At 6 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.