trying to find out what information there was. We did not know what was happening. We were not privy to the developments. We have had to read the papers and to rely on the newspapers and the wire services to get any information at all. And on that day, last Thursday, the NDP asked questions about fishermen in the north.

On Friday, the Hon. Member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens) and I asked certain questions about recognition and consultation. There was consultation, I believe, going on at that time and we asked whether we were going to be party to that consultation. The NDP Members were asking questions about the Cruise missile, nothing about Grenada.

Then came Monday morning following that, and that was the critical weekend when the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition (Mr. Mulroney) and the Hon. Member for York-Peel asked questions about the new regime, because we then learned that the Prime Minister of Grenada had been assassinated along with a number of members of his cabinet, or the information we had from the press at that time led one to believe that that was the case.

The Leader of the Opposition and the Hon. Member for York-Peel asked questions pertaining to these events. The NDP was asking about disarmament. Then we come to Tuesday when we learned again from the press of the landing of U.S. and other troops on the island of Grenada and the NDP was asking about the automotive industry. There were four Members of this Party who were asking questions in order to determine what the facts were. None of us on this side had the facts. That Government ought to have had them. I know from experience it has a trained Department of External Affairs which normally gets at the facts. The Department did not get them. That is one of the problems with which this Government has been faced. It is not getting facts. But as I say, the New Democratic Party Members were talking about the automotive industry.

On Wednesday, in a statement the Hon. Member for Saskatoon East (Mr. Ogle) asked about Nicaragua. At that time on Wednesday, yesterday, came the first question on the matter by the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent). He stood up and condemned the invasion, just like that. He knew all the facts. He could decide. An outright condemnation, he suggested, and that is basically what we are being asked to debate tonight.

How did they get their facts? I spent a fair amount of time looking in *The New York Times*, in the London *Times*, the *Wall Street Journal* and in Canadian papers. The facts are not all that easy to come by. The Government is not giving them to us. I think the Government is not giving them to us because it does not know them. The Government has been denied the facts. That is the regrettable conclusion to which I come.

Then we hear from the Prime Minister of Dominica, Miss Charles, who described the operation at the beginning of the month as a preemptive defensive strike in order to remove a dangerous threat to peace and security in the region. That was a statement by someone who lives next door to Grenada where the trouble is and about which we are learning more and more, about warehouses of arms and ammunition. Why should we not listen to those who lived with the problem? They probably have greater access to the facts than we have.

Then we learn, not immediately, and I have not heard all that much from the Government on this matter, that the Queen's representative was in protective custody within Grenada, incommunicado. Somehow or other, happily, he managed to get out a message asking for help. This was the representative of the Queen, the legal representative of authority in the country. There had been a coup d'état. The Prime Minister had assumed power in 1949 by a revolt and now, by a second revolt, he was replaced. These facts are now coming out very, very slowly. The people in the area feel there is a danger to them, to their way of life and to their institutions by the establishment in Grenada of a regime which has no basis in law, a basis only in revolution. Yet we have the sanctimonious New Democratic Party Members standing up and condemning whatever has been done to help those people in response to requests from them.

Next I would like to mention a report which I read from *The New York Times* Service. It is an analysis of the situation by a correspondent named Hedrick Smith. I do not know whether the name Hedrick Smith means anything to Members in the New Democratic Party. They probably have not read his book. I woulkd advise them to read it. Hedrick Smith's book is called "The Russians". He was *The New York Times* representative in Moscow for a number of years. We can remember Djilas' book and the story of the new bureaucracy that was being developed in Yugoslavia. Now we find Hedrick Smith describing, in very intimate and detailed terms, the new aristocracy of the bureaucracy which has grown up in the Soviet Union. Obviously Hedrick Smith knows what he is talking about when he is talking about matters related to the incursions, the insidious infiltrations by surrogates of the Soviet Union into other areas of the world such as the Caribbean. The facts are still coming out, but slowly. Obviously we do not have enough facts to form the far-out judgments which were put forward by the New Democratic Party in its resolution.

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I was quite disturbed by some of the comments attributed to the Canadian Ambassador to Washington. This morning I read an article in *The Globe and Mail* which indicated some of the things he said about the Canadian Government having doubts about the need for the United States-led invasion in the Caribbean Islands. He said that from the information available to him they do not consider the invasion to have been justified. That could very well be, on the information available to him. As I already suggested, all available information was probably not made available to him. This same Ambassador is quoted as saying:

—the United States had offered to fly out Canadians who wanted to leave Grenada as soon as it was considered safe to do so, but Canada had refused.

I would like to think that the following quotation is incorrect. I hope it will prove, in the course of time, to have been incorrect. However he said, "I told him", "I" being the