

Oral Questions

be construed as giving the blessing of the people of Canada, however inadvertently, to this kind of regime which, though in its infancy, is well on its way to exporting violent ideals inimical to the interests and philosophy of Canadians?

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Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, when a Government is overthrown by force, we would do that as a matter of course. There is a practice in this Government to review diplomatic relations, to use the words of the Leader of the Opposition. I am glad that in the first part of his question the Leader of the Opposition agreed with me that we should not make aid conditional upon compatibility of government views in countries we purport to aid. I hope this, too, is a new departure that his colleagues and his Party will both accept.

SAFETY OF CANADIAN CITIZENS

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Madam Speaker, might I direct a further supplementary to the Prime Minister and ask whether he could indicate to the House and to Canadians, who are watching with interest the events in Grenada, what the condition is with respect to the safety and capacity to move and to communicate of Canadian families who are resident on the island, and of Canadians who may be travelling on the island on vacation?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of State (External Relations)): Madam Speaker, I might indicate that a four-day 24-hour curfew has been established on the island. As my colleague, the Minister of State for International Trade, said yesterday, there are about 80 to 85 Canadians registered there, but some of them go there only in the winter. Therefore there is no way of finding out who, among the registered people, is there. I understand they are in touch with each other, and I understand from External Affairs that they are generally in good spirits. They are being advised to stay put, not to move, not to try to get out because attempts to leave might be dangerous.

By way of further information, there are 12 CIDA co-operants, 5 CUSO, one CBC reporter, and one officer of the Department of External Affairs who is from the Canadian High Commission in Barbados and was the gentleman who carried the message of the Canadian Government which the Prime Minister sent expressing the hope that violence would not be used.

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CROWN CORPORATIONS

CANADAIR—REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister with regard to Canadair, whose survival is so important to all of us. The Prime Minister yesterday indicated, and I quote, "We do not want

it", he meant Canadair, "to be dealt with by a parliamentary committee as is suggested by the Leader of the Opposition. We want it to be dealt with by this government-owned, this management company called CDIC."

How can the House and Canadians have faith in the Prime Minister's solution to the problem, management by CDIC, given the following two decisions taken by CDIC? First was the decision to reappoint the board of directors in its entirety last summer, in secret, notwithstanding the internal report prepared for Treasury Board which suggested or questioned the competence of the board. Second was the decision this week to reward effectively Mr. James Taylor, the President of the subsidiary in the United States, for his involvement in aircraft leasing to Canadair, by making him chairman of the board of the subsidiary corporation?

Can the Prime Minister tell us how we can possibly at the moment have any faith in his solution, and will he now reconsider and recognize the need, for the sake of Canadair, for a full inquiry by a committee of Parliament?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member is repeating the very same questions I answered yesterday. I will answer them in the same way. The CDIC, which is the management company of Canadair, is a Crown corporation. It answers to Parliament through a Minister. That Minister will be appearing before a parliamentary committee. I would think it better, more conducive to the kind of co-operation which the Hon. Member's Leader was indicating would be forthcoming yesterday, if we heard from Senator Austin, if we heard what his objectives are, and if we heard the reasons for the actions about which the Hon. Member is now complaining.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER IN SENATE

Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Madam Speaker, my supplementary question relates directly to the Prime Minister's answer. In this case is the Prime Minister aware that the other day in the Senate when Senator Austin was asked about the CDIC, his answer about the press release this week was:

—I had authorized the making of a statement—

Senator Austin also said:

I do not propose to make it my own statement, in any parliamentary sense.

Can the Prime Minister now tell us how we can continue to have faith in a structure that appears to be making decisions contrary to Canadair's interest, and to the public's interest, when the Minister refuses to take any responsibility for the actions of the corporation? Can he now tell us whether he will not finally recognize that the future of Canadair is best dealt with by clearing the air through a parliamentary committee?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member is misconstruing not only the thoughts, but the words of Senator Austin. Senator Austin has indicated he would appear before a committee, he would be answering questions and he would be stating the Government's