

assessing and responding correctly to what is happening around him. It is the Iraqi population, half of which is under 14 years old, that is paying an enormous and unnecessary price.

Would the hon. member agree that if the casualties are that great and that in three days we see a million casualties and that that infrastructure is gone, that our Prime Minister should contact George Bush and say: "Stop, pause. Give the population a chance to take this into their hands and end the insanity"?

**Mr. James:** Madam Speaker, certainly I cannot answer according to the figures he presented. I do not know if that is the number of lost lives.

I do know, however, that my constituents and the government feel very strongly about Iraq leaving Kuwait. Certainly, I understand that the offensive action taking place was initially surgical; to remove the ability of Iraq to continue in warfare.

The United Nations has asked Hussein to leave Kuwait. It is in his hands. I understand he is a madman. I have that feeling from the news I heard a while ago where it was announced that they were going back to Baghdad. Probably now they are attempting to work on the people to try to overthrow this madman. It certainly appears to be that that kind of thing might be what they are attempting to do. Hopefully, the people of the country will take a hold of this situation.

It is certainly not the intention of myself or of anybody in the House to see the loss of life of even one person, but we know that in armed combat that is going to happen. I just hope and pray, as he and everyone here does, that either the President of Iraq or those who can take hold of this guy, hopefully from within, have him see his way and quickly move the troops out of Kuwait.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** There is only a minute left so it will have to be very quick.

**Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis):** I listened attentively to my hon. friend. We talk a lot about the new international order, and I agree. Would it not be the time now to start sending international signals as to the next step while the war is still on, a war with which I disagree of course? It may have been different, last week, before war broke out. But now that war has broken out, it is not more linked anymore. We should say, internationally, and Canada should be one of the first to start saying: what is the next step?

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I know Sarnia—Lambton and I know there are a lot of leaders of multicultural groups there who strongly believe that the time has come to start, not linking, I agree, because it unpopular but to start talking about an international peace conference. It will even talk about the respect for the multitude of the United Nations Security Council on Cyprus and start talking to Turkey saying: "The time has come for you to respect the multitude of resolutions and to get out of north Cyprus" which it has been occupying against every resolution. Would the member care to comment for 30 seconds. I am sure we can give him a few seconds.

**Mr. James:** Madam Speaker, I hear what my hon. colleague is saying and I know of his great interest in that particular part of the world. Certainly, I would hope that the international order, that what has happened here with the United Nations, with the resolve, with the coalition, and with the allies coming together, will make some very strong signals that resolutions that were put in place will be picked up and carried on with in other places and resolved. As he said, he is not talking linkage and I am not talking linkage, but let us hope that this initiative will then show the way and show an example, being brought to a final resolve in the right kind of way where international order has been restored, and so it will show an example. I hear what he is saying and would agree.

**Mr. Greg Thompson (Carleton—Charlotte):** Madam Speaker, I spoke in this House on November 29 on the original UN resolution to use force, if necessary, to drive Saddam Hussein from Kuwait. We are basically, for the people at home, debating the same resolution. If I may, I will read it, Madam Speaker. It reads:

That this House reaffirms its support of the United Nations in ending the aggression by Iraq against Kuwait.

That is the issue that we are debating. We are debating a means of getting an individual out of a country that he has simply marched into and has taken over by sheer force, nothing more and nothing less.

On the evening of November 29, when I was speaking on the resolution, I pointed out that if there was a common theme to all that was said in the House that evening, it was the fact that we sought peace, all of us. We all have differing views on particular issues and circumstances but the common theme was simply that we wanted a peaceful resolution to the crisis in the gulf. Obviously, that did not come about. We have used every means at our disposal, all countries of the world have. The United Nations has just worked undyingly to solve