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the statement of the Secretary General of the United Nations, when he schemes to prevent the opposition from telling the truth, he is as responsible as U Thant who, up to now, has not shown the slightest indication that he was ready to ensure the shipment of relief as quickly as possible, in the hope of saving human lives.

It seems that the Charter of human rights states clearly that each man is entitled to life, freedom and security, that all human beings are born free and enjoy equal dignity and equal rights, that any individual is entitled to freedom of religion, speech, meeting and association, and that nobody can be held in slavery or bondage. It is added that any person has some effective recourse before the courts concerned, against acts that infringe upon the fundamental rights recognized as his under the constitution or the law.

Taking the rights of the individual into account, the Canadian government should strongly protest before the UN which has gone beyond its rights, to make sure that such errors will not happen again. Otherwise, the Secretary General of the United Nations should yield his post to a man imbued with social justice, for nowadays, many people speak of freedom, but very few concern themselves about it.

Mr. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, accusation by association is an old tactic of Communist parties, and I am surprised to see that the hon. member seems to be using it with regard to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

In any event, I believe the hon. member intended to allude to the reply given by the Secretary General to a question put to him during a press conference at the time of his trip in Africa.

It certainly does not behoove me to interpret what the Secretary General has said, and all the less so because I have not had the opportunity of reading the text *in extenso*. In any event, I should like to refer the hon. member to paragraph 6 of resolution 1514 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations during its 15th session, on December 14, 1960, and I quote:

Any attempt towards the partial or total destruction of the national unity or territorial integrity of a country is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the United Nations charter.

[English]

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.18 p.m.