

The Minister said that he has not heard about the expression "peace restoring", but the Minister then, alone in all Canada, has not read the speech of the Minister of National Defence of December 7, published in the red cover, and at an enormous cost to the Canadian people. In that speech he uses the words "peace restoring" and "peacekeeping". Now, when the Minister is looking forward to some activity in Vietnam after the war is over he, of course, is thinking strictly of peacekeeping, which is a police exercise.

I would like to ask the Minister what size of force does he envisage under the circumstances if peace is declared?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I could not say now, as I indicated yesterday. No one could say that; we have to know the nature of the assignment, the number of participants, and there would be a whole series of questions. That is a matter that we, of course, are now considering and studying with other governments, but I could not go beyond that.

Mr. CHURCHILL: There has been speculation in the press that—

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I do not think you should rely, overly, on speculations in the press.

Mr. CHURCHILL: Well, I read Charles Lynch always, with regard to the Minister of National Defence.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): Well, he is a very good journalist. I notice that he has some very critical things to say of you sometimes, but I do not agree with all his criticism.

Mr. CHURCHILL: You have thrown out the idea that Canada is prepared, on the request of the United Nations or the Geneva powers—

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): No, I did not say that. What I said was that I was prepared to recommend to a government of which I was a member, given the right conditions, that Canada assist in this kind of a project.

Mr. CHURCHILL: Yes, but your position in the government would lead anyone to assume that on your recommendation the government would take action.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): That is an assumption which I am grateful to you for making.

Mr. CHURCHILL: So, you just threw this out, then, as another one of these ideas about Canada's role for the future as strictly—

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I do not think in a matter of this importance that even your well-known levity should be allowed to cloud a very serious matter. The Canadian people and most members in this Committee, and most members in the House, take the matter of peacekeeping very seriously. They look upon peacekeeping and Canada's record in that area as one of our great national achievements.

What I would suggest you look at is what I actually said yesterday.

Mr. CHURCHILL: Well, you might look at the speech that I made in the House last night.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I read it, and I did not find that reading it was as useful an occupation as I had anticipated it might be.