

for back wages if they are lucky, and certainly no guarantee of future employment, but the poor banks will get nearly all their money.

In addition, the licences are now to be sold to another U.S. firm for a pittance, while no Canadian companies were given an opportunity to bid. The whole deal smells to high Heaven, and I, for one, will object to any FIRA application to allow these licences to leave Canada.

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## THE SENATE

### REFORM URGED ON REGIONAL BASIS

**Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East):** Madam Speaker, it was encouraging to read that the new Leader of the Conservative Party (Mr. Mulroney) recognizes that Canada has become a country of regions and has long since ceased to be a simplistic community of communities.

Permit me to quote my own words of March 10, 1981, on this matter:

This nation, Canada, will increasingly evolve, and its interdependence will increasingly grow as a co-operative quasi economic and social federation of five national regions. Within these regions, Provinces shall co-operate and compete, shall integrate transportation and energy and other systems and shall evolve somewhat different and unique social and cultural systems. And over all, all these regions shall form the umbrella of a reorganized national Parliament.

The relationship of the national umbrella and the regional well-being, aspirations and growth will be dynamic, changing and challenging. This then is, and will continue to be, the essence of Canada.

The patriation of the Constitution and the entrenchment of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms was a giant leap, and a mandatory one, toward this vision of Canada. Structural reform of the Senate on the basis of the five regions of Canada is also mandatory. Our nation shall endure and prosper.

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## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### GRENADA—MURDER OF PRIME MINISTER IN MARXIST TAKEOVER—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Brian Mulroney (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. What is the position of the Government of Canada in regard to the reported Marxist takeover in Grenada which was accomplished by murdering the Prime Minister, a number of his colleagues, and leading trade unionists on the island?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, the events in Grenada have been very unfortunate. That type of violence cannot be condoned.

### Oral Questions

The Government has made a statement, which I actually made earlier this morning, to express our distress as a Government at the events, as well as my own personal sorrow because, although Maurice Bishop had an ideology which is not ours, he was in the Commonwealth and engaged in dialogue with us. I dare say he was a friend. Therefore I am very sorry at the turn of events.

We have expressed our dismay. I believe the Minister of State may have further up to date details, but this was my response as of earlier this morning.

### CANADIAN AID PROGRAMS

**Mr. Brian Mulroney (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, we share the thrust of the Prime Minister's statement of regret, of course, but in view of the brutality and murder involved, does this impact in any way on the thinking of the Government in regard to aid programs directed to that particular country in which, in this situation, the beneficiaries would become people, as the Prime Minister has indicated, with whom he would not like to do business?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, I doubt whether that has been envisaged in the Department yet. I would only indulge in a bit of hindsight here.

This Government had given some modest assistance to Grenada. We did it in spite of cries—some of which I am afraid came from the other side—to the effect that that Government was left leaning. It is now apparent that there are more left leaners than Maurice Bishop was, and that it is wise not to cut off relations with Governments with which we may disagree if they are following policies which seem correct to them in their particular part of the world.

In other words, I have never been an advocate of cutting off countries because I disagreed with their ideology. I believe, and I have previously stated this precisely about the Grenada case, that when a country tries to export its revolution, then we indeed should show very great displeasure and take action. But I do not think we should try to influence the choice of independent peoples by using our aid programs.

**Mr. Mulroney:** Nor do I hold the view that one must necessarily reflect the political philosophy of the donor nation so as to benefit from foreign aid—not by a long shot.

### REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

**Mr. Brian Mulroney (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, the instigator of the murder and revolution on the island was a member of the Government to which the Prime Minister refers. The takeover has been absolute and murderous. Since there are limits to the exercise of the philosophy to which the Prime Minister refers, and in light of the brutality and murderous nature of the takeover in Grenada, would the Prime Minister agree that it would be prudent to review diplomatic relations and aid programs of any kind that might