

in which Canadians are involved, by the Contras, an organization which it is the policy of the U.S. Government to support. I would add indicate that I will want to discuss that matter further with Mr. Shultz during the series of meetings he and I will have over the course of the next three weeks.

**Ms. Jewett:** Mr. Speaker, I thank the Minister and hope he makes clear to Mr. Shultz that it is the U.S. funding of the Contra aggression to which we are totally opposed.

#### UNITED STATES SUPPORT OF CONTRAS

**Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster—Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, my second question to the Minister would be whether it is not time to make Canada's opposition to this funding and aggression more public. For example, in his meeting with George Shultz in California last month why did the Minister not take the opportunity, as he did in East European capitals the week before, to state publicly Canada's opposition to some of the host Government's policies, in this case U.S. support of the Contras?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as I think the Hon. Member knows, being the foreign policy spokesperson for her Party, the meeting in California was not simply with Mr. Shultz. It was also with Foreign Minister Sepúlveda of Mexico. That is the first time the Foreign Ministers of Mexico, the U.S., and Canada have met together. In a meeting of that kind naturally the question of Nicaragua and Central America was discussed. As to why I did not deal with that in my public speech, it was asked explicitly that that speech deal with questions of Pacific Rim development. That is the subject that I, Foreign Minister Sepúlveda, and Secretary Shultz all addressed.

#### RESULTS OF CONTRA ATTACK—POSSIBLE PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION BY PARLIAMENT

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East):** Mr. Speaker, as was pointed out, this attack by American funded Contras on the village of Dionisio Quinteio Castra, where Canadian Farmers for Peace are operating a development program assisted by the Canadian Government, left 10 Nicaraguan citizens dead, eight wounded and three captured. There was extensive damage to a health centre and other important community buildings. I appreciate that the Minister made a critical statement on Friday. However, because we do not want the Americans to miss the message, would he be willing to consult with opposition Parties and prepare an appropriate resolution which we could all support condemning this kind of attack and the U.S. Contra policy?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, naturally I am as usual prepared to consult with my colleagues in the House. I am also very much interested in having Canada take policies and make statements that lead to some constructive purpose rather than simply being an expression of opinion. I think the Hon. Member shares that view generally.

#### Oral Questions

Perhaps what might be most appropriate would be for me to meet with him and my friend, the Hon. Member for New Westminster—Coquitlam (Ms. Jewett), upon my return from ASEAN. Unfortunately that will not be before the end of June. I would discuss with them then the results of the conversation I had with Secretary Shultz to see if there is any need for further action to be taken by the House.

#### OPPOSITION BY UNITED STATES CONGRESSMEN TO PRESIDENT'S POLICY

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East):** Mr. Speaker, I have been in touch with American Congressmen who very much oppose President Reagan's policy toward Nicaragua and the funding of the Contras. Does the Minister not agree that the support of this entire House for those Congressman would be very helpful in bringing to an end this type of interference in the affairs of Nicaragua which none of us accept? It would be very important to support those American Congressman in their goal of bringing peace to that region.

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I guess that is precisely the point. The Hon. Member suggests that it would help change policy in the U.S. if we in this House passed a resolution supporting the position of a group of Congressmen who are not setting that policy. I think the consequences of an action of that kind may indeed be counter-productive. It may complicate rather than achieve the goal of the Hon. Member. That is one of the reasons I have historically been hesitant about that kind of approach.

Let me simply say that when this matter was brought to my attention by a member of the Farmers for Peace organization, Barry King, who farms west of my home town, I was in touch with the organization and issued a statement as quickly as we could. I think it is intolerable that projects of this kind in which Canadians are involved are the subject of that kind of attack and I am going to see if there are practical steps we can take.

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#### APARTHEID

#### SOUTH AFRICA—CANADIAN RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

**Mr. Alan Redway (York East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Will he advise the House whether or not Canada has received a request from President Botha of South Africa requesting us to sever all relationships with the African National Congress in return for South Africa proceeding with a reform program? If that is the case, will he advise the House specifically what reforms would be included in that program and whether it