

consent of the parents, where parents there are. More than that, the UN Special Rapporteur has established to his satisfaction that much of the education provided in those areas of Afghanistan within the control of Soviet and government forces, rejects traditional religious, cultural and moral values. As such, it is an explicit and dreadful violation of international human rights Covenants.

Last year at this time, all of us had seen and read the extraordinary, if despairing, Helsinki Watch publication entitled "Tears, Blood and Cries": Human Rights in Afghanistan Since The Invasion". One year later, in the interim, we have seen the supplementary volume entitled "To Die In Afghanistan", containing a remarkable number of eye witness accounts all of which attest, unanswerably, to an ugly, inhuman war... a war which has indiscriminately devastated the countryside, decimated the population, and driven thousands more each month out of their own land into Pakistan or Iran. We now know that the day is fast approaching when the numbers of refugees outside Afghanistan, and the numbers of uprooted and dispossessed inside Afghanistan, will total more than 50 percent of the entire population at the time of the invasion. Mr. President, it is beyond human comprehension.

Last year at this time, we knew that Pakistan's borders were intermittently violated by selective acts of infiltration and aggression. One year later, we know that the pattern has escalated dramatically, as documented in the eloquent speech of the Foreign Minister of Pakistan when he yesterday opened this debate. Canada, along with so many others, expresses full solidarity with Pakistan, as well as our enormous admiration for the humanitarian response to millions of refugees and the stoic resistance to intimidation and subversion.

Last year at this time there was no talk of troop withdrawal. One year later, we have witnessed the departure of six Soviet Regiments as announced in the July speech of General Secretary Gorbachev. It matters little whether this is an elaborate military sleight of hand, or an adroit reshuffling of tanks, or the actual removal of men and machines whose presence in Afghanistan may or may not have been useful. What matters is that over 110,000 men, and all of their collective apparatus of war, remain behind for the systematic purpose of pacification. The world needs more than tokens as evidence of good faith.

Finally, Mr. President, last year at this time, the negotiations conducted by Mr. Diego Cordovez, under the aegis of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, had not yet reached the moment of truth: the precise question of troop withdrawal. But in the intervening year, with a magnificent