

all other aspects of Afghan cultural life are being systematically 'Sovietized'."

Here we have a country, the Soviet Union, which worries, in the Assembly, about demands placed upon important agencies within the United Nations system. But directly because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, there has been created in Pakistan the largest refugee population in the world, exacerbating significantly the crisis of resources within the UN High Commission of Refugees (UNHCR). Were it not for the selfless response of the Government of Pakistan, coupled with the extraordinary work of the UNHCR, we would have an ever greater disaster in Southwest Asia. None of that, however, seems to matter to the Soviet Union.

Above all, here we have a country, the Soviet Union, which regularly instructs this Assembly on the imperatives of peace. But this is a highly selective application of the principles of peace. It is meant for all the rest of us. It carefully omits Afghanistan.

As Canada said earlier, Afghanistan will not submit. The conflict may be taking an incredible toll, but there is no sign of subjugation. Karmal remains in power purely by force of Soviet arms. Hostility grows internally. The Government is at war with its own people. Indeed, despite the cruel and inhuman treatment which Russia inflicts on captured defectors and prisoners of war, there is increasing evidence, recently set out in a series of articles in the New York Times, of numbers of successful defections from the Soviet army to the ranks of the mujahideen. That's not surprising. Some Russian soldiers are bound to rebel against so perfidious a war; some will inevitably be attracted to the Afghan cause.

The Soviet Union would wish to draw the curtains of silence over Afghanistan. They wish they could wage their vengeful war in stealth and in private. They wish the war were never reported in the press. Even now, they attempt to staunch the flows of refugees so that word of military atrocities never reaches the outside world. They wish these debates never occurred. They wish the resolutions were never passed.

But it's up to this General Assembly to keep the Afghan cause alive, and to make clear, repeatedly, the condemnation of the world. We must somehow persuade the Soviet Union that negotiation is the only route to world approval. The United States has suggested a regional