

mal judicial procedures, with all customary legal safeguards" (*Hansard*, September 28). The Secretary of State for External Affairs responded to a letter written to him on the same matter by Liberal justice critic Bob Kaplan (York-Centre). Mr. Kaplan charged that the Canadian government might be more interested in smooth diplomatic relations with India than in protecting the rights of a Canadian Sikh detained without trial for nearly a year. Mr. Kaplan also demanded in his letter that Mr. Clark provide details of the medical examination and explain whether the RCMP or Canadian intelligence officers had questioned Mr. Singh (*The Sun* [Vancouver], September 27). Mr. Clark replied that his statement in the House of Commons in November 1987 "made public the fact that Mr. Singh had been mistreated and conveyed the outrage of the Canadian government to the government of India" (*External Affairs News Release*, September 30).

Jamaica

In response to the havoc caused by Hurricane Gilbert, a chartered Air Canada DC-8 aircraft departed for Kingston to transport relief supplies. At the request of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), two non-governmental organizations, CARE and OXFAM, worked with the Jamaican community in Canada to ensure that relief assistance met Jamaica's immediate priority needs (*External Affairs News Release*, September 22).

External Relations and International Development Minister Monique Landry announced \$2.6 million for initial emergency measures to help Jamaica. The Minister added that CIDA was to disburse up to \$1 million through its International Humanitarian Assistance Program in response to requests from various relief agencies. And a matching fund had been set up through CIDA, up to a limit of \$1 million, which would disburse one dollar for each dollar received by the fund-raising campaign organized by the Jamaican High Commission in Canada in conjunction with a relief agency such as the Red Cross. Mrs. Landry also announced that in the medium term, CIDA would support the country's reconstruction effort and that \$4 million had already been identified for projects to be set up for infrastructure reconstruction and rehabilitation (*CIDA News Release*, September 14).

The Ontario government donated \$100,000 and the use of a Hercules transport plane to take canned food, bedding and other emergency supplies collected in Metro Toronto. Prime Minister Brian Mulroney sent a message to Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga, informing him that "all Canadians" shared his grief (*Toronto Star*, September 15). The *Financial Post* reported on September 20 that Hurricane Gilbert had demolished houses, flattened sugar cane, coffee and banana plantations, and killed livestock. *The Post* estimated that the worst hurricane in recorded history had cost thirty Jamaican lives and \$10 billion.

The *Globe and Mail's* correspondent's report from Kingston on September 22 stated that unprecedented political interference by members of Prime Minister Seaga's party, including the diversion of some aid to government sup-

porters, was hampering relief efforts, according to Sharmaine Whyte, a spokesperson for the Office of Disaster Preparedness. Hartley Neita, a spokesperson for the opposition People's National Party, said the government's actions were "straight, straight politics." But the Canadian High Commissioner in Kingston, Kathryn McCallion, reported no Canadian aid was missing and attributed the story to competition for disaster news between Kingston's two major dailies. The *Toronto Star's* Kingston correspondent also reported on September 23 that a group of twenty-two US relief organizations had alleged that some parts of the country had still received nothing ten days after Hurricane Gilbert ravaged the island, while the bulk of the supplies had gone to supporters of the ruling Jamaica Labor Party.

Morocco

The Export Development Corporation financed a \$212 million loan to the Office National des Postes et des Télécommunications of Morocco in support of a contract to Bell Canada International for the installation of 300,000 new telephone lines in the first phase of Morocco's telecommunications development plan. Communications Minister Flora MacDonald said, "As a result of this important decision by the Government of Morocco, it will be the first African country to introduce the world's most fully-digital telecommunications switching technology." And the International Trade Minister John Crosbie noted that the awarding of this contract to a Canadian firm reinforced the already "excellent bilateral relations with Morocco on economic, political and cultural fronts" (*Government of Canada News Release*, September 21).

Nepal

A violent earthquake struck Nepal and eastern India on August 20. The earthquake was the strongest to hit the region since 1934. Preliminary reports from the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator's Office (UNDRO) indicated that 560 people had died, 860 were injured and thousands had been left homeless. Canada contributed \$100,000 in response to an international appeal for assistance launched by UNDRO (*Canadian International Development Agency News Release*, August 26).

Pakistan

Death of President Zia

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in a message to the Acting President of Pakistan said Canadians were "shocked and saddened to hear of the tragic incident" and expressed his "deepest condolences" (*Office of the Prime Minister Release*, August 17). In the Commons, Reg Stackhouse (PC, Scarborough West) said "the sympathies of