

taken to allow the reintegration of Palestinian residents of Kuwait, many of whom -- most of whom -- were intensely loyal to Kuwait.

Almost everyone with whom I met indicated that the Palestinian problem is the key issue to be resolved in the region.

The answer will have to be found in greater security for all States of the area. The issue has three essential elements which all must be respected. They are the security of the State of Israel, the rights of the Palestinians and territory. Sequence and relationship -- who goes first, and what is tied to what -- could consume thought, discussion, and negotiation for years. Meanwhile the despair of the refugee camps would find more radical expression and the arms race would go on.

I sought in my discussions in Jordan, Syria, Israel and the home of a leading Palestinian Faisal Hussein, to promote appreciation of the need to build confidence in the collective ability of states and peoples to live together in acceptance and security. Eventually, a healthier state of mind can be built. There is not a lot of time. The countries and peoples concerned could make gestures, take initiatives, not of a kind which bear upon their fundamental security interests, but which build up a habit of working together. This is the message I left with all those with whom I met.

Could not Lebanon be the theatre of such action to further strengthen the authority of the government of Lebanon?

Could some progress be made on water projects?

Can peoples see their welfare in terms of a shared and more harmonious future instead of a bitterly divided past?

It is not clear they can. But that is the best way to build trust.

Much time is devoted to technique -- to whether it should be an international conference, at the United Nations, or not at the United Nations, or whether it should be separate bilateral negotiations, and whether discussion between the Palestinians and the Israelis should be part of that or separate, and in any case, who should represent the Palestinians, and so on. On that point, Mr. Speaker, Canada can only agree with the Secretary-General of the United Nations -- the Palestinians should be represented by the organizations or representatives they choose. Our distaste for the support for Saddam Hussein by the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) should not disqualify Palestinians from coming to their conclusions on