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part of the government. But for the Conservative Party to be placing itself in the position of morality in international matters is almost unbelievable. Where was the Conservative Party when many years ago we were talking about the importance of not providing Argentina with a nuclear reactor? Where was the Conservative Party then?

An hon. Member: We were not at war then.

Miss Jewett: We said at that time that Argentina would be on the threshold of developing nuclear weaponry and that if we provided a reactor we might well assist them in developing nuclear weapons. But now hon. members to my right are saying yes, and now they are protesting the sending of nuclear fuel bundles to Argentina. But there was never a word from the Tories about that a year and a half ago. There was never a word about the oppressive, dictatorial, militaristic regime of Argentina a year or so ago. Not a word. Have you ever heard a Tory worry about the people who have disappeared in Argentina?

Mr. Taylor: Do you have a monopoly on it?

Miss Jewett: One or two, perhaps, the hon. member for Waterloo (Mr. McLean) being a case in point. But only one or two in that whole party have ever worried or concerned themselves about the dictatorial regime in Argentina.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): You are the epitome of words, I suppose.

Miss Jewett: But now the Tories are talking as if they had somehow all along been in support of criticizing that regime.

Mr. Wenman: What about human rights in Poland?

Miss Jewett: All right. The only country which the Conservative Party has been looking at seriously from a human rights point of view in the last several months has been Poland. All of us have been concerned about the imposition of martial law and the deprivation of rights of the Polish people.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): What about the Soviet Union?

Miss Jewett: It has been said earlier in this debate that we were prepared to have a unanimous motion in this House deploring the situation there. Where was the Conservative Party when we were talking about martial law in Turkey? Have you ever heard a single Conservative protest martial law in Turkey, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): What about human rights in the U.S.S.R.?

Miss Jewett: Have you ever heard the Conservative Party as a whole protesting the 30,000 murdered people in El Salvador? Never. The Tories have never said a word about the denial of human rights in Guatemala, El Salvador—

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Nicaragua and the U.S.S.R.?

Miss Jewett: As a party they have never taken this position on any country. The hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) above all has never taken a position in the defence of human rights anywhere in the world. When he says that we want to project fundamental values that we all share in the world, we could not help but agree. But we would like to see it done in practice, not done highly selectively.

Mr. Taylor: We don't support communists.

Miss Jewett: We have supported the arguments made time and time again in this party and in Socialist International in opposition to martial law in Poland. It is all on the record. We have supported the opposition to martial law in Turkey. We have supported the need to refer the human rights question in countries in Latin America and above all in El Salvador to the United Nations. But not the Tories. Don't tell me they are concerned about values concerning human rights.

Mr. Taylor: You know everything.

Miss Jewett: The Tories are not at all concerned about these questions.

The hon. member for St. John's West also spent some time in South Africa. Never have we heard a word from him or from the Tory party as a whole on the question of apartheid in South Africa.

Mr. Crosbie: I was also in Japan and China.

Miss Jewett: Nor have the Tories been very concerned about Namibia. I could go on and on in this vein, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): I have been concerned about Namibia and SWAPO.

Miss Jewett: We sit here and listen to the utmost hypocrisy, but we are obliged to take this dog's breakfast of a motion and see what we can pull out of it which might be useful and valuable.

There is no question in the minds of anyone in this party that what the government did in the matter of assigning the design of the new embassy in Washington to a crony of the Prime Minister's was reprehensible. There is no question in our minds about that. Whether or not if the Tories had been in power they would have done the same thing is hypothetical, because they were not in power long enough. But I remember one occasion in the last election campaign when the hon. member for St. John's West complained that when the Tories were in power they had not used the power of political patronage sufficiently.

Mr. Wenman: What about the NDP in Saskatchewan?

Miss Jewett: The hon. member complained that in politics there are times when one should be rewarding one's friends. That was the hon. member for St. John's West in the last