

*Oral Questions*PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT—UNITED STATES
OMNIBUS TRADE LEGISLATION

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): My final supplementary question is in reference to the committee's report that came out today. The committee in its report expresses its concern that the U.S. omnibus trade legislation will be passed and will be applicable to Canada. It suggests that, unless this legislation does not apply to Canada, we should not agree to the trade agreement. Does the Minister agree with that recommendation coming from the committee? If she agrees with it, why was it not written into the proposal in the first place?

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, I think the House should congratulate the Winegard committee and all Members for the work they have done.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Miss Carney: I have just received the report. I look forward to reading both the majority report and the minority reports submitted by members of the opposition Parties.

To answer the Hon. Member's question, the U.S. Trade Bill is still being formalized. We do not yet know what is in it. The administration has pointed out to us—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Miss Carney: They laugh.

Mr. Broadbent: Yes, we laugh. You are laughable.

Miss Carney: That shows how little they know.

Mr. Broadbent: We are laughing at you.

Miss Carney: The fact is that we do not know what will be in the U.S. Trade Bill. It is in the process of going through the U.S. system. Those Members know nothing about the process. They know nothing about the process and they do not want to hear any answers.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTER OF
TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS

Mr. Speaker: I wish to draw to the attention of Hon. Members the presence in the gallery of the Hon. Stephen Rogers, Minister of Transportation and Highways, of the Province of British Columbia.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MIDDLE EAST—GAZA STRIP—VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS
OF PALESTINIANS

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy—Royal): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. A large number of Canadians are concerned about the continuing violence which has engulfed the occupied territories of the Gaza Strip. The indiscriminate use of live ammunition by Israeli military authorities to quell civilian demonstrations has resulted in numerous deaths and left countless wounded. The deaths of children as young as 11 and 14 years leave one perplexed about the intensity of repression.

In view of the fact that Canada has played an admirable peace-keeping role in the Middle East, and in view of our continued interest in bringing lasting peace to the region, what measures is the Government contemplating taking? And are we going to protest these latest and most grave and serious violations of human rights of Palestinians in the occupied territories?

● (1440)

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Member for his question which expresses a concern shared by many Members of the House about developments in the West Bank.

Mr. Prud'homme: Unacceptable.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): We have expressed our concern to the Government of Israel and will continue to do that. These events, as all events in that region, are of course complex.

Mr. Prud'homme: They are not complex.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): They point to the urgent need for progress to be made.

I hear interventions being made on behalf of the Liberal Party. I am not sure whether they represent the policy of that Party or not.

Mr. Prud'homme: Don't be cheap on this question.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): I am trying to indicate the position which the Government of Canada is taking—

Mr. Prud'homme: Don't mix the Liberal Party with my view, will you? Don't play politics with this?

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):—with regard to a very serious situation in the Middle East which points to the urgency of both sides coming to some understanding on the possibility of a resolution by way of a peace conference which would allow direct negotiations.

Mr. Prud'homme: Cheap, cheap.