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member's speech. I would agree with her that sometimes, when we want to help those who have been hurt, we do the same.

I would like to mention what happened in the Second World War. At the end of the war the American Air Force bombarded Dresden and over half a million people were killed. The war was over and the Germans were no longer able to fight. What happened? Half a million people were killed in three days.

I think if we wanted to help the people in Kuwait, we should have continued with sanctions. Sanctions were working. There are all indications that it was working.

As I said yesterday, I had spoken to an American senator who just come out from a briefing with President Bush. The CIA had informed them that the gross national product of Iraq had diminished by 40 per cent. It means that sanctions were working. The war machine was slowing down. We should have waited. This was the way to go, and not to start bombardment of innocent people and children.

So, I do agree with the hon. member and I would like to congratulate her on her speech.

**Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East):** Madam Speaker, I say again, if I may: "The victim may win; but if he does, it is by adopting the self-same tactics which he condemns in his enemy."

What I have heard Mr. Hussein accused of most in the House is butchery. What we, with our allies, are engaged in in Iraq, is butchery.

I would ask the hon. member, this House and this nation: How much more butchery will we commit before we say: "No! The war must stop!"?

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk):** Madam Speaker, I want to thank the hon. member, too, for her speech. I really do think it was from the heart.

The hon. member was present in Question Period today and heard the Minister of National Defence say explicitly that he felt that it was better to fight under an American flag, rather than under the flag of the United Nations.

I am hearing from people in my constituency that they support what is going on because they felt that what is going on was under the auspices of the United Nations

and that the fighting was under the flag of the United Nations.

I think the House was shocked today when we heard the Minister of National Defence say that he felt it was better to be fighting under the flag of the United States. Does the hon. member agree with that?

**Some hon. members:** Oh, oh.

**Ms. Black:** Madam Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his question.

I would like to comment on the comment that was made about Dresden. Is this what we are going through again? Are we going through this madness and overkill again when we are being told by the media and by the Pentagon that the whole infrastructure of Iraq—the war machine in Iraq—is gone and destroyed? Is this what we are going through again? Is this genocide that we are actually seeing?

In answer to the question about the war and the flag, we must stop the war. We must stop the war.

**Mr. Peter L. McCreath (South Shore):** Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to have the opportunity to participate in this debate and to support fully and unequivocally the motion before the House. I offer this support for three reasons primarily.

First, I believe that international peace and security are in the best interests, not only of the world, but of Canada.

Second, I believe in the sanctity of the rule of law as a principle for relationships among the nations of the world, as well as within nations.

Third, I believe that the United Nations is the best vehicle, indeed the only vehicle, for the attainment of international peace and security and the rule of law among nations. Without an effective United Nations and without the maintenance of the rule of law and international peace and security, who knows what kind of chaos the world would degenerate to? The will of the mightiest would prevail. For small countries such as Canada, this could be indeed very perilous. Who knows what such a circumstance would yield for us?

Canadians enjoy a marvellous quality of life. We are an affluent country with abundant resources. In a chaotic world, who would know what the future would be like ahead for us?