

without consultation with broadly based international fora, to undertake a military intervention of this type.

● (1425)

COMPARISON WITH ARGENTINE INVASION OF FALKLAND ISLANDS

Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Madam Speaker, when the Minister says that the invasion of the Malvinas by Argentina is in any way comparable, can he not understand the degree to which he is making it very difficult for others to consult Canada because, when Ministers of the Crown say that, they believe that Canada is proving that it is not trustworthy in the western hemisphere?

Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of State (International Trade)): Madam Speaker, there are two things that I would have to say to the Hon. Member. I am sure that he does not want to justify actions by the Soviet Union, but the question of internal political strife was exactly what existed in Poland when the Soviet Union wrongfully decided that it was justified to move into that country, and elsewhere.

Let me add that the fact the Hon. Member must keep in mind is that the position that Canada is taking on the American military intervention in Grenada is one that is strikingly similar to the position of the United Kingdom, which is a Government for which I think the Hon. Member has some feeling, if not for ours, and it is indeed mild compared to the position that has been taken by Mexico, Trinidad, and all of the South American countries.

REQUEST THAT PRIME MINISTER CONDEMN INVASION

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. It has everything to do with the position the Government is taking on this issue. Considering that the invasion of an independent country in the Commonwealth by forces led by the United States of America not only contravenes international law but violates Article II of the United Nations Charter, will he now join with other national leaders in the world who believe we ought to use peaceful means to resolve difficult problems, and condemn this act of violence in a forthright way?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, that is the substance of the message I understand was conveyed to the United States Ambassador by the Minister of State, the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, and which is being conveyed in Washington today by our officials meeting in the State Department.

POSITION OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, just for perfect clarification, as I heard the Minister answer a minute ago, he said that he conveyed to the Ambassador of the United States certain "concerns" of the Government of Canada about this invasion of Grenada. I would like the Prime

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Minister to be very specific with the House so that we can send a message around the world on this invasion, which the Prime Minister knows can set off tensions not only in the Caribbean but all over. Is he now prepared to say in the House that the Government of Canada categorically opposes this invasion of Grenada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, the language used by the Minister, as I understand it, was that Canada regretted the action, the military intervention. The Minister restated what I said in the House yesterday, that unless we had information which showed that this action was necessary to protect and rescue American nationals, and unless there was no other way of doing it, then the intervention would seem unjustified.

Yesterday, I indicated that we thought we might get that information from Secretary Shultz's statement yesterday afternoon. I feel that he did not give any such explanation that they had to invade in order to protect their nationals. Indeed, it seems to me that the reason invoked by the United States and the other Caribbean nations involved is that they wanted a different sort of Government there. It was not so much a question of protecting nationals as it was of ensuring a Government which was compatible with their views as to how a Government should operate. If there is no further explanation than that, I think we would quite clearly say the actions were unjustified.

● (1430)

NICARAGUA—POSSIBILITY OF INVASION BY UNITED STATES AND ALLIES

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, the evidence is clearly out. In *The New York Times* it has been reported that U.S. envoys who went to Grenada on the weekend were assured there would be no problems for American citizens. We have since learned, also from the same source, that the invasion was being planned in midweek, last week, by the United States of America.

Because of the very serious regional implications, is the Prime Minister aware that in recent weeks the United States re-established CONDECA, a Spanish acronym for Central American Defence Council, which includes Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and the United States? Is the Prime Minister aware that the U.S. just recently reconstituted this organization? Is the Prime Minister not concerned that the violent action that has been initiated by the United States in recent days against Grenada will simply be a forerunner of a similar kind of group action taken by CONDECA against the people of Nicaragua?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Madam Speaker. I have not heard of the reconstitution of this group, nor do I share the apprehensions of the Hon. Member. I think the facts, as we know them about Grenada, have led us to make the statement I have just made. I would not want to speculate on a hypothetical situation in Nicaragua or elsewhere.