

The MICIVIH was unable to prevent the murders of Antoine Izméry in September and Justice Minister Guy Malary in October. The murders were designed to intimidate partisans of the President and to affirm the preeminence of force in Haiti. Murders less visible, but equally brutal were committed throughout the year, the purpose being to disable pro-democracy organizations. Attacks on Haitian journalists, trade unions and parliamentarians have increased now that the international elements have left.

### CANADIAN POSITION

Canada continues to give high priority to seeing democracy restored to Haiti, and feels that this can only occur with the return of the President elected by more than two-thirds of the voters.

Within the group of "Friends," Canada is endeavouring to have the Security Council adopt the sanctions of the OAS, which, while comprehensive, are combined with humanitarian exemptions. January 15 has been selected as the deadline. We wish to show the Haitian military that we are united and determined.

Broadcasts in Creole have begun on Radio Canada International. We have asked the OAS and the UN to prepare programming on human rights, the Haitian situation and the objectives of the UN and the OAS, in order to encourage grass-roots democratic forces as they continue the fight. Plans for a UN/OAS radio station will be pursued energetically. Our humanitarian assistance will include a "human rights" component.

We are also urging the OAS countries to apply the sanctions already recommended. We shall explore ways of having the trade embargo applied by the airlines serving Port-au-Prince, and shall insist that the Dominican Republic make a real effort to curb trade with Haiti.

We have asked the United Nations to redeploy the MICIVIH as soon as security conditions permit, and are prepared to re-examine the return of the UNMH, provided that its mandate can be fulfilled.

At the 49th session of the Commission on Human Rights, as well as at the 48th session of the UN General Assembly, Canada co-sponsored resolutions condemning the human rights situation in Haiti. At the 50th session of the CHR, Canada will continue to support the resolution on the human rights situation in Haiti with a view to ensuring that a contribution by the CHR to international efforts is aimed at resolving the tragedy in this country.