

time in this House the name of CBC producer Mark Starowicz in connection with the expelled KGB agent, Konstantin Geyvandov, who masqueraded in Ottawa as a Soviet journalist. Two years later the Attorney General of Ontario quoted in the Legislature an RCMP document according to which a Canadian media person over a period of five years was selling Geyvandov reports at clandestine meetings. Next day CBC producer Mark Starowicz identified himself as the person who, between 1970 and 1973, had accepted money for reports written for a Soviet correspondent in Ottawa.

Three months later Peter Worthington published excerpts from an RCMP document dated March 24, 1976, as well as this passage:

The RCMP report says Pravda's man in Ottawa, Geyvandov, was expelled from Canada after persuading a Canadian journalist to act on behalf of Soviet interests when reporting Canadian political events.

Mr. Worthington, as well as the Toronto *Sun*, were promptly charged under the Official Secrets Act. Needless to say, the mercenary agent of influence receiving rubles for services rendered was not charged.

I am strongly inclined to believe that the Canadian media person in the McMurtry statement and the Canadian journalist in the report referred to by Mr. Worthington are the same person. I wrote about it to the Solicitor General (Mr. Kaplan). He is reluctant to reveal the man's identity. In the meantime, CBC keeps on its payroll a senior executive who, by his own admission, was also on the payroll of a Soviet official and who, I strongly suspect, is the same person identified by the RCMP as acting on behalf of Soviet interests.

I do not believe at this stage that the Liberal Government with its track record—

Madam Speaker: Order.

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BROADCASTING

PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR NATIVE BROADCASTERS

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Madam Speaker, the Government's latest broadcasting announcement contains a few new policy initiatives, some recognition of technological reality, and a whole lot of rhetoric designed to make policy inertia sound like dynamic action. Nowhere is that façade of dynamism more transparent than in the call of the Minister of Communications (Mr. Fox) for a new native peoples' thrust in broadcasting policy.

Two years ago next month, the CRTC granted the Council of Yukon Indians and the Dene Nation a licence to distribute radio and television services in the North via the Cancom satellite system. The CRTC made clear in that decision what everybody else already knew, that, if native broadcasting were going to exist, funding would have to be provided by the federal Government. The Government has had comprehensive

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funding proposals for native broadcasting in front of it for almost two years and has been apologizing for delays in acting on them for almost a year and a half.

The channels are there, the personnel have been trained, and the ideas and programs are ready to be developed. Let us cut out the rhetoric and provide native broadcasters with the long-term funds which they have been promised.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

EL SALVADOR—CANADIAN POSITION ON POSSIBLE CEASEFIRE DURING PAPAL VISIT

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): My question, Madam Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister and of the Secretary of State for External Affairs—there is not even a quarter of Cabinet here—is directed to the Minister of State for foreign affairs.

This Sunday, March 6, His Holiness the Pope, will visit El Salvador. The guerrilla or rebel movement there suggested or agreed to a ceasefire while the Pope was visiting El Salvador. The whole of Central America, of course, is a dangerous area. We have just seen the kind of obnoxious behaviour which is occurring in Guatemala just before his visit there. Has the Canadian Government made representations to the Government of El Salvador, which has refused to have a ceasefire on Sunday? Have we made representations urging it to do so? If we have not, why have we not? Are we intervening in the matter at all?

[Translation]

Hon. Charles Lapointe (Minister of State (External Relations)): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member must know that the Canadian Government is extremely concerned about the situation in El Salvador and is showing a continuing interest in the subject. In fact, a few weeks ago, we received the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador and informed him of our concern, especially with respect to the general human rights situation in his country.

Furthermore, as the Hon. Member may know, we have now submitted a draft resolution to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, in which we are supporting as much as possible the conclusions of the U.N. Special Attaché on the human rights question in El Salvador, and we have tried to submit a resolution that would be endorsed by as many countries as possible in the international community.

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CONTENT OF CANADIAN RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam Speaker, my question was specifically about the visit of His Holiness,