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been occasions, and I think that the instance of Nigeria was one of these occasions, when we in this country gave no formal recognition but just carried on under the assumption that there had been a change of government, there might not be the kind of revolution which required formal recognition.

I am not sure whether that is the situation which will apply to Ghana. In the Nigerian situation we acted in concert with other commonwealth governments, which took the same attitude we did, that no formal recognition of the new regime was required.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** That was the reason for the question. I wondered whether a new rule had evolved within the commonwealth by which, where an insurrection takes place and a change of government results, the course is no longer followed of recognizing the new regime but rather of regarding it merely as a continuation of the one that was in power at the time of the overthrow.

**Mr. Pearson:** Such a development, Mr. Speaker, might become a kind of normal attitude inside the commonwealth. It has not always been the case. I think in respect of Zanzibar there was formal recognition of the change. Whether that applies to Ghana I cannot say, because I think it is too soon after the event to know exactly what will happen.

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister or to the hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs and ask if there is any word about the situation in Uganda that might clear up rumours we have heard, and that might also clear up rumours relating to the well-being of Canadian citizens there.

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as the Prime Minister has indicated the word we have received from our high commissioner is that according to present reports the safety of Canadians is not in question.

**Some hon. Members:** Uganda. The question was about Uganda.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I beg your pardon, Mr. Speaker. I thought the question was about the safety of Canadians—

**Mr. Thompson:** In Uganda, about which rumours are rampant today.

**Mr. Churchill:** That is a country in Africa.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, I think the wise course would be to wait and see whether those rumours have any foundation in fact.

[Mr. Pearson.]

**Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre):** I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs concerning the country of Ghana on the west coast of Africa. Would the minister inform us how many Canadian service personnel are in that country for the purpose of training the Ghanaian army, and whether or not these men might now be recalled?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** There are 19 personnel there; three R.C.A.F. officers, 14 army officers and two N.C.O.'s, who assist in a training program. In the formal agreement between Canada and Ghana which defines the functions of the team it is stipulated that the members of the team will in no circumstances, of course, become involved in operational roles of a police or military nature. We shall have to consider in the light of events whether or not they should be recalled.

[Later:]

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. In view of the situation now existing in Ghana have any fresh instructions been sent to the Canadian military personnel there, in particular as to whether they are to continue their normal training activities with the Ghanaian armed forces; or have they been instructed to suspend this in the meantime?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, there has been no change in the instructions they have received.

**Mr. Harkness:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question I should like to direct to the Minister of National Defence which is consequent upon the answer he gave to a question I asked a moment ago. Does he not think that it would be desirable to send instructions to the Canadian military personnel in Ghana to suspend their ordinary training duties in association with the Ghanaian forces until the present situation has cleared itself?

**Mr. Hellyer:** Mr. Speaker, I think we should first find out what the facts are. As soon as we have received a report this will be discussed with the Department of External Affairs, which really is responsible for financing these training operations in countries other than NATO countries.