

The other thing the hon. member addressed which I thought was appropriate in the letter was a question of comparing this to the *anschluss*. That has not been the line that has been attempted to be sold as an argument against Saddam Hussein. I make it clear that I hold no grief for that tyrant who has poisoned his own people with poison gas. But if we are going to talk in the terms of the *anschluss* and we are going to talk in terms of what the Prime Minister of this country said today about invoking Amnesty International's report—a correct accurate report on the brutality of Saddam Hussein's government's actions in Kuwait—let us understand where the host ground, Saudi Arabia, ranks when it comes to Amnesty International. My dear friends, nothing is pure, nothing is clean, and there is a linkage everywhere.

I would like her response to some of these partners and their linkage: Syria, as I have outlined; Egypt, as I have outlined; and now Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia is a country where women are stoned to death for adultery. It is a country where a thief is punished by having his hand amputated. Women cannot drive cars or swim in the same pool as men. Bibles are forbidden and no religion, save Islam, is allowed. I wish the Prime Minister were here to listen to this because he is the one who invoked Amnesty International. Amnesty International reported that last year 111 people were executed, 16 of them political prisoners, and they had their heads chopped off. I do not advocate that for dealing with politics here. But when talking about linkage, remember we are linking ourselves with Saudi Arabia and, by the Prime Minister's criteria of Amnesty International, one cannot use it for one country and not another. Amnesty International does not have very much nice to say about Saudi Arabia.

There is linkage already defined by some of the partners, for example, Syria and Egypt. There is a request for Israel to shut up when a rocket comes over there and not respond. Linkage? That is linkage by the tacit message from the United States to Israel. When we talk about linkage, let us understand that there is heck of a lot more involved than just linkage around a reasonable peace treaty.

On the basis of that record and that linkage, not sparked by Saddam Hussein's actions, would it not be

appropriate that the least we could expect is a regional conference in that area to deal honestly and in an up front way with every single one of the problems, rather than just going hell bent for leather to get into a war without understanding the consequences of the linkage we have already subscribed to?

Mrs. Finestone: Mr. Speaker, I would answer my hon. colleague that he has not missed the obvious, I am sure.

The linkage between Israel and its' responsibilities in this for part of the problems, as they have been expressed by Saddam Hussein, has absolutely nothing to do with Hussein's violent aggression against a colleague, against a country that supported him both financially and morally, a country for which he was a co-operative part of that whole Arab constellation of countries. He walked in and raped his neighbour. The difference is that Israel was aggressed by all its neighbours, won an almost impossible war and tried to give that land back in exchange for peace and no peace conference was forthcoming by the Arabs.

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Do not make the inaccurate and incorrect linkage with that in that respect. Yes, Lebanon has been aggressed by Syria and Israel got accused of certain things. No one is absolutely blameless in any of that area.

With respect to the cultural practices in Islam and the cultural attitudes toward a lifestyle in the countries of that Arab world, I have no intention of asking or telling them how to change it. Its' own population should do that and it should be responsive to its' own population, to the women's movement in that area who no more want to walk around with those chadors and God knows what else. They want certain kinds of freedoms. I do not know to what extent they want freedom. I do not know how much, or how far, or what changes they want to make. They can be responsible for themselves. They are very intelligent. They are very capable.

The Arab people and the Muslim people are very intelligent and capable people if left without some of the power hungry idiot mongers out there, who are changing those people and their attitudes. Israel, Jews and Arabs lived as comfortable brothers and sisters together for generations. It is only in recent history that this is an aberration. It is because of the power hunger of their leadership at this date.