

violence in Lebanon."²

On 28 November 1986, in a speech to the UN General Assembly on the situation in the Middle East, Ambassador Stephen Lewis reminded the Assembly that:

Undoubtedly some of Lebanon's problems are indigenous....But...it is a victim of the generalized malaise which has afflicted the Middle East....It is a victim of tensions in the region and the interference in Lebanon's internal affairs which these have engendered.

Lewis added:

...Canada calls upon all members of this Assembly to give their strongest support to the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Lebanon. We must give every encouragement to a political solution which will result in true national reconciliation in that war-torn country.³

Parliamentary Comment

On 11 February 1987 Liberal member Roland de Corneille referred to a United Nations account of the alarming living conditions in the Palestinian refugee camps which were under seige. He asked the Government to request that

...Stephen Lewis, our Ambassador to the United Nations, request an immediate investigation of this situation and ensure that the appropriate international agencies be provided access to determine whether civilians are starving, and to provide food if that is the case.⁴

² DEA, Communiqué, 85/81, 14 June 1985.

³ DEA, Statements, 86/76, 3 Dec. 1986.

⁴ Commons Debates, 11 Feb. 1987, p. 3319.