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on the farm. Higher degrees of stress were evident where financial problems were extreme. Specific financial problems causing stress included inability to pay the interest on bank loans; the impending possibility of losing all or part of one's farm; machinery purchases and repairs, and other farm expenditures.

The book concludes that farm women's priorities continue to focus on the traditional concerns for family and farm but that their work is now more complicated with the new challenges of financial stress facing them today.

Having defined the extent of the difficulties, Concerned Farm Women, with other—

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## INVASION OF GRENADA—MANAGEMENT OF NEWS BY UNITED STATES

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West):** Madam Speaker, the people of the United States are being told only the part of the story on the illegal invasion of Grenada that the Reagan administration wants them to know. It is called managed news.

The U.S. media are being outrageously deficient and negligent in reporting the whole story as it develops. For example, during the past night CBS Nightwatch presented mainly the statements and views of the U.S. Government and of individuals who support this immoral action. Not one word was broadcast of the objections by South American countries such as Colombia, Panama, Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela, Guyana, and Costa Rica.

No mention was made of objections by Spain, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Greece, Portugal, West Germany, Japan, China or Canada.

There was not a word to the people of the United States that Grenada is an independent member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, like Canada.

This U.S. intervention ranks in the same category as intervention in Vietnam, the Dominican Republic, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Afghanistan.

The U.S. Government has even barred its own reporters from entering Grenada to report on-the-scene events.

American Free Radio has broadcast to the world for decades to tell us about freedom and democracy, including freedom and responsibility of the press.

The question is who is going to tell the American people?

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## INVASION OF GRENADA—UNITED STATES REPLY TO CANADIAN REPRESENTATIONS

**Mr. Brian Mulroney (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, in regard to the situation in Grenada, I want to deal with the reported reply given by the Deputy Secretary of State of the United States to our ambassador in Washington when our ambassador complained that Canada had not been consulted prior to the action taken in Grenada.

For the Prime Minister's benefit I quote the reply attributed by Mr. Gotlieb to Mr. Kenneth Dam, Deputy Secretary of State. Canada was not consulted, according to Mr. Dam, "because of concerns on the security side that the invasion shouldn't be too widely known".

In view of the grave implications of Mr. Dam's statement for on-going Canada-U.S. relationships, has the Prime Minister communicated with President Reagan or other senior officers of his Government to obtain clarification of this rather remarkable statement?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, the Hon. Leader of the Opposition calls it a remarkable statement. I think he has made some rather remarkable statements himself in the last couple of days. I would add to his astonishment the fact that, according to Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of Great Britain, she had not been consulted either. Presumably the United States did not find it advisable to consult her, or to consult Canada.

**Mr. Mulroney:** Madam Speaker, I want to assure the Prime Minister that as a Canadian citizen I take no pleasure in reading that kind of statement that was on the front page of the newspapers today. I do not have to assure the Prime Minister of that.

## REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF UNITED STATES REPLY

**Mr. Brian Mulroney (Leader of the Opposition):** In view of the importance of it, may I repeat, Canada was not consulted, according to Mr. Dam, "because of concerns on the security side that the invasion shouldn't be too widely known". I ask the Prime Minister, in the interests of the Government of Canada, if he has consulted with the Leader of the American Government or one of his leading officers to obtain clarification of that.

It seems to me that this kind of statement should not be left on the record unchallenged. I should like to know, for the record, if the Prime Minister has communicated with the President to obtain that clarification?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, the answer is that on that point I have not communicated with the President. I have been in correspondence with the President on other matters, but not on that point. I