

improvement in certain quarters. The speech made by the President of the United States and the speech made by Mr. Shultz, in my opinion, were relatively moderate. And just a day or so ago, Prime Minister Thatcher of the United Kingdom expressed her view that there was a distinct change in policy from Washington and she appealed for further dialogue with the East. I believe that the more that is done, the more we will be able to influence the Soviet Union at this stage to change, possibly, its perceptions of the West and of the United States. It must work both ways. Western leaders can have an impact, and that is why I came away saying that if it were possible, it would be urgent for the Prime Minister and other leaders to go to Moscow to have discussions.

With respect to the ambassador for disarmament, Mr. Speaker, the post is vacant. However, the Hon. Member need not be worried because we have been devoting, in a sense, in the past several months the full resources of the Department and, indeed, of the Government on the question of disarmament.

Miss Jewett: Even the Prime Minister.

Mr. MacEachen: The Prime Minister, as the Hon. Member says, is a prime ambassador for disarmament. Therefore, because we have devoted so much of our resources—and the Prime Minister—to this activity, I am not apologetic about the vacancy. The vacancy will be filled. I am searching for the best possible person to fill this job, and when I conclude that I have that person, the appointment will be made. In the meantime, do not feel that disarmament is being neglected. It has never had the impetus it has received in the last several months.

Mr. Ogle: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Deputy Prime Minister one question, at least. He spoke about the problems of East-West. I was happy to hear his statements. The problem, I believe, between East-West many times is a misinterpretation of facts. I feel that in Central America right now there is the major problem of the traditional injustices of many kinds being called an East-West confrontation.

Has the Deputy Prime Minister talked to the American Secretary of State on his recent visit in Stockholm about that particular problem? Again, I would request the Deputy Prime Minister to seriously think of visiting that area himself so that we Canadians can have a uniquely Canadian policy on Central America. I would also like to say that I was happy that the money was released for Nicaragua and that aid has gone there.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I did not have an opportunity to raise the question of regional conflict with Secretary Shultz at Stockholm. We have done that in the past. We have discussed our differences on the subject of Central America. The Hon. Member is quite correct in saying that it has become a focus of East-West interest or rivalry. That is a fact. However, I certainly take the view that the surest way to bring about peace and security in that part of the world, is to deal with the basic economic and social problems and the political problems. For that reason we have argued against third-party

military intervention. I have made these points to Mr. Shultz on more than one occasion. Our policy is not identical to that of the United States.

[Translation]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It being 5.30 p.m., it is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 42(4), to interrupt the proceedings and to put forthwith every question necessary to dispose of the amendment or amendments now before the House.

● (1730)

[English]

The question is on the amendment. Mr. Mulroney, seconded by Mr. Nielsen, moved:

That the Address be amended by adding the following words:

"This House regrets to inform Your Excellency that your Government is incapable of providing leadership and direction in the social and economic affairs of the nation and has lost the confidence of this House and of the Canadian people and therefore requires that an election be called in accordance with the Canadian custom, practice and tradition of holding a general election at least every four years".

All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion, the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Mulroney), which was negatived on the following division:

(Division No. 10)

YEAS

Messrs.

Althouse	Ellis	Howie
Andre	Elzinga	Huntington
Anguish	Epp	Jarvis
Beatty	Fennell	Jelinek
Benjamin	Forrestall	Jewett (Ms.)
Blackburn	Fraser	Keeper
Blenkarn	Fretz	Kempling
Bosley	Friesen	Knowles
Cardiff	Gamble	Kristiansen
Clark	Gass	Lambert
(Yellowhead)	Gilchrist	Lawrence
Clark	Greenaway	Lewis
(Brandon-Souris)	Gurbin	Lewycky
Coates	Gustafson	MacDonald (Miss)
Cook	Halliday	(Kingston and the Islands)
Cooper	Hamilton	MacDougall
Corbett	(Qu'Appelle-Moose	Malone
Crombie	Mountain)	Mayer
Crosby	Hamilton	Mazankowski
(Halifax West)	(Swift Current-Maple	McCain
Crouse	Creek)	McCuish
Dantzer	Hargrave	McGrath
Darling	Hawkes	McKenzie
Deans	Heap	McKinnon
de Jong	Hees	McKnight
Dick	Hnatyshyn	McLean
Domme	Hovdebo	McMillan