

also had an operative clause which threatened Portugal with expulsion from the United Nations, and it had another clause which would prohibit any country from supplying any arms to Portugal for its own defence, even as distinct from any arms that might have been used in Angola.

As I have explained, Canada has not been supplying arms to Portugal for approximately two years. Because of the extreme nature of the resolution, particularly with regard to sanctions and the threatened expulsion from the United Nations, Canada voted against the resolution.

## Soviet Imperialism

*The following statement was made on December 14 by Prime Minister Diefenbaker:*

. . . As I have stated on several occasions, my objective has been that the Canadian Government should, through international consultation, secure sufficient international support to focus United Nations attention squarely on the unsatisfactory conditions in the Soviet empire. This Government deeply deplores Soviet Russia's hypocritical position on colonial questions arising in the United Nations, especially in the light of the Soviet Union's own record of subjugation and tyranny over races and nations. Our view is that the provisions of the charter of the Declaration on Human Rights and of the Declaration on Colonial Independence are universal in their application.

I had hoped that the consultations which have been going on throughout the year and also during the current session of the General Assembly would serve to mobilize sufficient support for a resolution in regard to the question of Soviet colonialism. At a time when the concern of a great many members of the United Nations is principally engaged in respect of colonial questions affecting Africa, the moment for the successful presentation of a resolution aimed at the situation in the Soviet empire has not yet come.

Nevertheless there is a growing awareness that a Soviet imperialistic system does exist and that the United Nations cannot ignore it. The forthright condemnation of Soviet imperialism which the Canadian representative made in the General Assembly on November 23 was intended to bring home to all members of the United Nations the essential fact of Soviet domination of subject peoples.

I assure the House that it will not be long before this resolution can be introduced. Every effort is being made to secure the widest possible general support and as soon as we are in a position to be reasonably assured of substantial and, indeed, more than a bare majority support, the resolution which we undertook to introduce will be brought before the Assembly.