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[Translation]

War should always be a last resort. War marks a breakdown in humanity. Let us think of the future, of Canada and of our young people.

[English]

GULF CRISIS

Mr. Bill Casey (Cumberland—Colchester): Mr. Speaker, in the last few days every member of Parliament has had to decide whether or not to vote for Canada to support the United Nations resolutions regarding Iraq.

I truly understand those that have called for peace not war. The problem is it never was a question of peace or war. There already was war, a war of the worst kind in Kuwait. The question really was would Canada become involved or not.

Canada did become involved and I support that decision.

The awful truth is there will probably always be a Saddam Hussein, maybe a little better, maybe a little worse, but there will always be someone like him. The difference now is that the Saddam Husseins of the world will face and know they face the prospect of unified forces of the countries of the world under the United Nations.

The contributions being made by the multinational forces right now will go a long way to ensure peace in the future and they all have our support and prayers.

GULF CRISIS

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, for young Canadians this is the first time they experience their country being at war. It can be a time of confusion and disillusion. It can also be time for new hope.

We in the Liberal Party join our voices with all Canadians calling for peace by way of an early cease-fire leading to negotiations to settle the current gulf crisis. It will take strong and skilful leadership qualities to achieve an early and lasting peace. We all urge the Government of Canada to persist in the pursuit of the road to peace.

It will be a difficult path to follow but one which Canadians, young and old, will support unanimously.

Give peace a chance. That is the Canadian tradition.

[Translation]

PERSIAN GULF CRISIS

Mr. Jean-Marc Robitaille (Terrebonne): Mr. Speaker, many attempts have been made to find a peaceful solution to the crisis in the Persian Gulf. All diplomatic initiatives deployed since the beginning of the invasion of Kuwait and intensified during the past 48 days have failed because of the intransigent attitude of Saddam Hussein. Mr. Hussein has flouted international law and order. Unfortunately, the war is now a reality, a sad reality that gives no one cause for rejoicing. We all hope that this conflict will be brief and will be followed by a long and lasting peace.

On behalf of all my constituents, I want to say that we fully support and wish the best of luck to all Canadian military men and women who defend, with pride and dignity, the rights, freedoms and principles we hold dear. We think especially of their families and friends, and we hope they will soon return home safely.

[English]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, just one month after the government gutted the CBC, the cash–strapped network is off to join the pools of international reporters currently providing coverage of the gulf war.

While millions of Canadians are glued to their TV sets, we are severely disadvantaged by witnessing censored American coverage through American eyes.

With U.S. networks estimating coverage of the crisis at \$1 million per week, where is our national broadcasting service expected to find the necessary funds. CBC employees and local stations can only fear it will be at their expense.

Canadians, as a caring and peaceful people, are concerned and want to learn what is happening in the gulf. Coverage of our forces' involvement in the gulf