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especially for the Palestinians who were driven out of their own homes. Has there been any effort in the last 40 years by the great powers to recognize that people who were on this land for thousands of years were literally pushed aside? Today a lot of people and nations have the nerve to point to Palestinians and call them terrorists, in their own land. When is the truth going to be known that the Palestinians have been the victims, and what other homeland, the homeland of my father from Lebanon. He is a Semitic.

Where was the United States, where were the powerful nations of this country, when they let Lebanon be sacrificed? They sacrificed Lebanon to make it a battleground between the Syrians and the Israelis and anybody else who were peddling arms.

How much hypocrisy will there be and how many lies are they going to tell us before the truth will be known? It will be too late.

How many Palestinians have died? How many have lived in the desert? How many Lebanese? There is not a week that I do not have people of Lebanese background who write and call to me, trying to bring a sister, a sister-in-law, a brother, or an uncle. It has been frustrating for all those who understand that there has been a lack of justice.

We see the United States send over unbelievable amounts of military arms and men—to protect what, Mr. Speaker? God knows that I have often said that the Lebanese problem would have been solved if they had oil underneath their soil. But, no, they are there to protect a vested interest. The cost, in human lives, never bothered them. Traditionally, under the former Prime Minister of this country, we always followed the lead of the United Nations in world conflicts. We had developed a reputation. And even as fellow travellers to different parts of the world, we were looked up to with a great amount of respect and esteem. They had faith in us. I am afraid that this faith could be eroded when we have this kind of activity.

As I mentioned at the beginning, had there just been an attempt in years past to solve the problems of Lebanon which has been bleeding for the last 15 years. How much bleeding can it take? Those who speak up in the name of the suffering Lebanese, they overtook the

hometown of my father. The Israelis have it under occupation.

What about the Palestinians who have been the victims? They throw stones and they get bullets in return. Yet they are called terrorists in their own land. When is the truth going to be known? Does it make me anti-Zionist because I want the Lebanese people to live in peace and the Palestinians to have a piece of land that they can call their own?

It makes me think of a former journalist, James M. Mynafée, who is now deceased. Mr. Speaker, you probably remember that name from the past. He wrote a book. I always liked the title. He asked at the time what Canada's role was. Was Canada a peacemaker or a powder-monkey? In the late middle ages, powder-monkey was the name given to one who brought powder to those who were using a new kind of weapon. That is the whole question. We want to be the peacemakers and not the powder-monkeys in this world. We have had enough of arms dealers.

It would be ridiculous to think that we could find a solution to the whole problem, but the beginning of a solution would occur if we would put into practice the resolutions that were in the United Nations and we have said that we agree to. But no effort has been made by the superpowers to find a homeland for these Palestinians who were pushed out of their land.

There are frustrations among the Arab states. Mind you, there have been a lot of Arab states which use the Palestinians as a political football. I am here as a member of Parliament, not to create enemies.

Where were the Saudis when the Palestinians really needed help? Where was Kuwait? Kuwait is a pure fabrication of a country, with a totally undemocratic system where hundreds of billions of dollars are in the hands of a relatively few people. I am sure the average American must realize that there has to be something drastically wrong when a few families control hundreds of billions of dollars, deposited in American treasury bonds and in American and Swiss banks.

How long is this frustration going to be left to fester in the Middle East, until we have an outbreak of hostilities that will have terrible ramifications? Is it going to be this time, if we can get out of this peaceably, that we will realize that we have to sit down and find the final solution to clear Lebanon of the foreign armies on its soil and find a place for the Palestinians, a right they have under the United Nations Charter, so they will