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las in Montreal. It was being done on Canadian soil. This is done in order to further the cause of the revolution in Cuba. My question to the Prime Minister again is what are we doing with regard to our relationship to Cuba in light of our continuing foreign aid, preferential tariffs in our trade relations with Cuba, and the 3 per cent loans? It is about time we called a spade a spade. If the Cuban people need foreign aid from us, by all means let us give it to them. However, in light of what the Cubans have been doing under the leadership of Fidel Castro, if their economy is good enough that they can export the most heinous and callous commodity imaginable, that of revolution and refined guerilla warfare, it is time to re-evaluate our position with regard to Cuba.

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It is time that the Canadian people and the world know exactly what our foreign policy is with regard to these countries that want to export revolution. I therefore ask the parliamentary secretary to clarify once and for all the position of the Canadian government in relation to a country that insists on exporting revolution and ravishes the sanctity of Canadian soil is so doing, and not just give in return a token expulsion of Cuban diplomats.

[Translation]

Mr. Fernand E. Leblanc (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock (Mr. Friesen) for raising such an important question as the presence of Cuban mercenaries in Rhodesia.

However, it seems that the department was not sure about the question the hon. member was going to raise tonight because I have been given an answer which applies to the massacre of missionaries in Rhodesia following interventions by people who went to work and wage war in that country.

It is unfortunate that I should not be able to give him the answer he is entitled to expect but since there was confusion in the two questions which had been raised on February 9 about the massacre of missionaries in Rhodesia and the presence of Cubans, and even though the same question had been raised by other members of his party, unfortunately I do not have the answer and I think the matter might have to be taken up another night on the late show so that departmental officials will then prepare the satisfactory answer which the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock is certainly entitled to expect.

Once again, I am sorry and I humbly admit that there was confusion in the department. They must have thought that the question the hon. member was going to raise tonight had to do with the massacre of missionaries. But he raised the other question about the presence of Cuban people in Rhodesia. I am very sorry—

[English]

Mr. Friesen: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. The Chair cannot accept a point of order at this time.

The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10:27 p.m.