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In the Korean war days, if we had had a contract with North Korea when it invaded South Korea, would we have carried on with business as usual? It is not likely. If this government had been in power, we might have; but we did not do it when we had men in power. When Germany invaded Poland, for example, would we have continued with our contracts with Germany no matter what it had done on the international scene? I suppose if the Prime Minister had been in power the answer would be yes, but we would not have done that under any other Canadian representing the feelings of the people.

The government has condemned Argentina for violating international law but it is "business as usual" with that government whose own leaked document says that it is going to continue to build a nuclear bomb.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs who is supposed to support the United Kingdom said in response to a question that I put to him that the Canadian government took no position on the question whether Britain had sovereignty over the Falkland Islands. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution to the effect that the Falkland Islands were a British colony. It was not afraid to say that Britain has sovereignty over the Falklands, but this government, giving Britain 100 per cent support, will not even say that Britain has sovereignty over the Falkland Islands. That is the kind of support it gives. That is standing against aggression. But then, that is this government all over—hypocrisy of a gigantic dimension.

Have we offered any assistance to Great Britain to help repel armed aggression in the Falkland Islands? No, we have not. Have we offered a ship, as New Zealand has done? No, we have not. Have we offered anything to Britain except pious platitudes? No, we have not. That is disgraceful, Mr. Speaker. Of course, we have the Prime Minister's statement and I will elaborate on that.

What about the question of Poland? On February 23, 1982, a feeble list of sanctions against Poland and the Soviet Union was announced. The minister admitted that these were only symbolic and were designed to encourage the martial law regime to live up to its intention to re-establish civil liberties. We called upon Soviet authorities to end martial law, to release those who had been arrested, to restore immediately a dialogue with the church and Solidarity. That is what the minister's press release of February 23 said that Poland should do. The sanctions were designed to strike such fear into the hearts of the Polish government that all this would happen. But has it happened, Mr. Speaker?

I have here a dispatch from Peter Kent, who was jailed several weeks ago in Poland, in which he said that he saw the Polish guards beating Solidarity demonstrators with rubber truncheons in front of his very eyes. Martial law has not been lifted and civil liberties have not been re-established. Martial law still exists and there is no dialogue between the church and Solidarity.

Those sanctions were imposed three months ago. On March 24 we outlined the kind of sanctions that we would have

imposed were we in power and these received the full support of the Polish community and the Canadian Solidarity groups. But the government says that it does not want to impose harsher restrictions and that it is going to continue to sell grain to Poland with credit for three-year terms, the most generous credit arrangements we have with anyone. It is going to continue to allow the Polish government to send trawlers into our 200-mile economic zone to take 12,000 tons of fish per year without receiving any return. It claims it is doing that because it wants to help the ordinary Polish people and it does not want to interfere with the supply of food for them. These measures do not hurt the Polish government, Mr. Speaker, but, rather, help it.

If it is necessary for us to assist the Polish people, if they need food, if they need aid, it should go through international agencies of assistance which will see that it is distributed and gets to the people it was meant for. It should not be done in a way that props up the despotism that now rules Poland.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Crosbie:** I have in my hand a letter dated May 12, 1982, from Zygmunt Przetakiewicz.

**Mr. Flis:** Shame on you. You cannot even pronounce it!

**Mr. Crosbie:** The hon. member for Parkdale-High Park (Mr. Flis) has turned his back on the Polish community so I do not want to hear from him. Shame on him, sitting over there without protesting while this is happening to the Polish people.

In this letter of May 12 the head of "Solidarity" Information Office in Canada, referring to our proposals of March 24, writes as follows:

I fervently hope that your proposals will be implemented by the Canadian government as soon as possible.

I believe that sanctions precisely directed at the Polish and Soviet authorities are the best peaceful means by which we may aid the Polish people's struggle for their rights.

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In this manner our actions would parallel the peaceful resistance of the people in Poland by which they hope to apply sufficient pressure on the Polish authorities to force them to end the state of war, to release all of those arrested and to resume the dialogue between Solidarity and the government—

This has the backing of the Solidarity movement in Canada. The first Pan-Canadian conference of Solidarity had a meeting on April 24 and 25 in Toronto. They made resolution that the Canadian government is obliged to defend human rights now suspended in Poland; that the issues be raised at the UN by Canada; that the Canadian government use moneys put away for Poland to finance the delegation of accountability to verify whether Canadian food exports to Poland are reaching the people. They asked that the Canadian government replace what they call the present symbolic and ineffective sanctions with more meaningful ones, and implement a full range of trade, diplomatic and cultural sanctions against Poland and the Soviet bloc until the state of war is lifted in Poland and human, citizen and trade union rights are reinstated. That is