

the situation in Hungary? I ask the Soviet Union to accept this chance, perhaps this last chance, to prove its good faith to the world. It is not only the Hungarian people who will be the victims of a refusal. It is a Soviet claim--very often repeated--to be the only true champion of peaceful co-existence; the only real foe of imperialism; the opponent of colonialism. If they refuse this UN investigation and examination into conditions in Hungary, never again will they be able to talk about colonial oppression or imperialism except in terms of the most blatant hypocrisy, recognised by everyone as such.

There is also the last chance of the USSR to show that their collective security system in Eastern Europe is something more than a collection of master and satellites. In this respect, what a contrast it is to an association of free states banded together on a basis of free co-operation and any one of which may withdraw if it wishes. Their system, if they persist in this aggressive intervention stands exposed for all the world to see, resting on nothing but brute force and despotic control.

Mr. President, we owe it to the people of Hungary, we owe it to the UN, we owe it to freedom to condemn in the strongest terms what we know has happened and to investigate through the UN what is happening now.

Surely Mr. President, no single member of this Assembly will refuse to join in that condemnation, and in the request for this investigation.

Perhaps at this moment we cannot do more than this, but we surely cannot do less.

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Mr. J.W. Pickersgill, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, made the following statement November 6:

With the approval of the Prime Minister and in accordance with the general policy of the Government respecting refugees, the Canadian Immigration Office in Vienna has been instructed to give priority to applications from refugees from Hungary. Assisted passage loans will be available to such immigrants on the same terms as to other immigrants from Europe.