

House resolves, since both the Canadian and Polish governments signed the Helsinki Accord, the Canadian government is morally and legally obliged to defend human rights now suspended in Poland; moreover, that the Canadian ambassador to the United Nations raise the issue of Poland at the United Nations debates; that the Canadian government, using moneys put away for Poland, finance a national or international delegation of accountability to verify whether indeed Canadian food exports to Poland are reaching the people; and finally, that the Canadian government replace the present symbolic and ineffective sanctions with more meaningful ones and therefore 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."

Later in the House May 17, Prime Minister Trudeau responded to a question by Mr. Grosbie about the government's alleged lack of support for the repressed Polish Solidarity movement. Mr. Trudeau explained that Canada's policies are intended to help the people of Poland. He explained that "while on one hand we condemn the [Polish] government, the use of martial law and the slowness in the reconciliation process, we attempt to help the people of Poland. That is why, in the food area for instance, we have extended very large credits. We are reluctant to do what the hon. member seems to suggest, namely, using punitive measures against the government, because that would really be a burden on the backs of the Polish people." Canada had also suspended academic exchanges with Poland, restricted movements of Polish diplomats and refused to extend commercial credits for goods other than food as a protest against martial law.

ROMANIA

Visit of Governor-General to Romania

Governor-General Edward Schreyer visited Romania between May 11 and 14 to discuss economic cooperation between the two countries, particularly in the nuclear energy field (*Globe and Mail*, May 11). Romania had received a Canadian Export Development Corporation loan to finance the purchase of two Candu nuclear reactors. The purchase of a third reactor was discussed during talks between Mr. Schreyer and Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu. Mr. Ceausescu may visit Canada this fall (*Globe and Mail*, May 17).

THAILAND

Amnesty

A broad amnesty granted by the King of Thailand May 5 has resulted in the reduction of prison sentences for three of the nine Canadians serving time in Thai jails. All three

were convicted of drug possession (*Globe and Mail*, May 8 and 13).

TURKEY

Attempted Assassination

A Turkish diplomat was attacked and shot twice in Ottawa on April 8 by an unknown assailant. In an External Affairs press release, External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan condemned the terrorist act. An organization called the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia claimed responsibility for the attempted assassination of the diplomat, Mr. Kani Gungor.

Armenian Demonstration

A demonstration outside the Turkish Embassy in Ottawa attracted about 1,500 Armenians on April 24 (*Citizen*, April 26). The Armenians charged Turkey with "genocide" in the 1915 occupation of Armenian territory in which much of the Armenian population was killed. The demonstration was to enlist support for the Armenian nationalist's demand for the return of Turkish-occupied territories.

CLC Protest

Dennis McDermott, President of the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC), called upon Canadian trade unionists to observe May 1, the international Labor Day, by appealing for the release of fifty-two Turkish trade union leaders. In a CLC press release (April 30) Mr. McDermott was quoted as saying that the Turkish union leaders were jailed for "attempting to change the constitution by force" after martial law was proclaimed in Turkey in September 1980, and face the death penalty if convicted. The CLC joins Amnesty International in encouraging Canadians to protest directly to the generals in Turkey.

USSR

Expulsion of Soviet Trade Representative

A Soviet trade representative, Mr. Mikhail N. Abromov, was expelled from Canada after allegedly trying to purchase from a Canadian businessman, and illegally export, fibre-optic and other restricted high technology products. An April 1 press release from the Department of External Affairs stated that "it was pointed out to the [Soviet] Embassy that this is the third such incident in the last four years." These incidents "only serve to raise questions as to the sincerity of the Soviet Government officials in the repeated statements that they wish to improve relations with Canada and develop a useful and mutually profitable working relationship," the statement said.

It was later revealed that the Canadian businessman