

Rights was introduced by the Minister of Justice, which I was at that time.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I appreciate the Hon. Member's concern. Presumably the Hon. Member would be making a preamble to a question and not simply making a preamble and then moving to another preamble.

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, when receiving the Minister of External Affairs for Nicaragua, Mr. Victor Hugo Tinoco, tomorrow, would the Secretary of State for External Affairs assure him that the policy of the Government is a very clear one, and it is that we do not want any intervention at all in Nicaraguan affairs, either by the United States or the Soviet Union?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I want to reply, both in my capacity as Secretary of State for External Affairs and as the Member of Parliament who had the opportunity and privilege of moving the amendment that led to the adoption of Section 28 of the Charter of Rights.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nunziata: You stabbed him in the back at the leadership convention. You weren't applauding there.

Those are the guys who stabbed you in the back, Joe. With friends like them, who needs enemies? That's why Brian is Prime Minister, Joe.

Mr. Speaker: Milk and cookies are later.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): Mr. Speaker, I look forward to the opportunity of meeting Mr. Tinoco tomorrow, as does my colleague, the Minister for External Relations. I understand Mr. Tinoco will also take advantage of the opportunity to meet the Hon. Member and representatives of the New Democratic Party. For our part we certainly intend to make it very clear again that we believe that the root of the problems in Nicaragua, and indeed in that region of the world, is a socio-economic one. We intend to continue not only our aid programs but our political influence to advance that view of the problem, and to move the region toward settlements on that basis.

CANADIAN TRADE WITH NICARAGUA

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Saint-Maurice): Mr. Speaker, perhaps you will let me reply by saying that after the five—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Chrétien: Of course they do not want to know the truth. When it was taken out by the provinces, it was through an amendment to a Section that I put in after November 5.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. Member have a question?

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Mr. Chrétien: As the former Prime Minister has had so much bad luck in his life, I will not insist on this point any longer.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: I made a comment earlier that I can see applies to other Members as well.

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. I want to ask the Minister whether he intends to direct his department officials to grant immediate permission for the Nicaraguan Government to establish its trade office in Toronto—rather than wait for weeks—and direct them to provide immediately the list of all Canadian manufacturers and distributors who are ready to sell products to replace those which are now boycotted by the Americans.

[English]

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member may have had some bad luck in his life. I consider mine to have been pretty good.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): The Government of Nicaragua for several months discussed the movement to Toronto of a trade office which has been based in Miami. It is now proceeding to accomplish that purpose. Naturally, it, like any other client defined by the foreign investment review legislation which was passed by the Hon. Member and his colleagues, has to go through certain procedures. Those procedures will apply to the Government of Nicaragua in exactly the same way as they would apply to anyone else. Certainly I would reaffirm, in the House of Commons the determination of this Government to continue to play a very constructive role with regard to the development of Nicaragua and other countries in Central America.

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CHALLENGE '85

NON-PROFIT ALLOCATION INQUIRY

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind the House that it was the women of Canada who got their motion in, not the Liberals or the Conservatives.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Does the Member have a question, please?

Mr. Hovdebo: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. The Challenge '85 non-profit allocation—