elected government of Chile, which I presume the minister has received, will the minister tell the House whether he will accept the recommendation of the churchmen that recognition of the new military regime by Canada be withheld until it is clear that the new government is prepared to accept fundamental international principles and the recognition of human rights?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I can reply by reading the words that were addressed to me by the moderator of the United Church, the president of the Canadian Catholic Conference and the primate of the Anglican Church who said, "We warn against precipitous recognition of an unconstitutional regime." That is also the view of the Canadian government, and that is why we have not replied to the request of the Chilean junta that we recognize it now. As the Prime Minister said yesterday, we are watching events very carefully. Our policy is not one of approval if and when we give recognition, but we want to make sure only that there is a government we can deal with confidently and that it is in effective control.

Mr. Brewin: In view of the fact the statement of the churchmen further calls upon the government to give support and assistance to all refugees from Chile, including Chileans who may wish to come to Canada, will the minister state what is government policy in this regard and whether it is willing to grant asylum to the victims of the violent overthrow of the Chilean government?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, the House will be interested to know that there are some Chileans who have sought safe haven in our embassy in Santiago. There are three adults and one child there at the present time, and we are hoping that we will be able to arrange safe conduct for them because they wish to go to Mexico. We have had no requests whatsoever from Chileans to come to Canada, but in view of the Canadian government's record with respect to refugees, whether from Uganda, Czechoslovakia, Hungary or many other places in the world, I am sure we would give very sympathetic consideration to any such request.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Greenwood on a final supplementary, to be followed by the hon. member for Témiscamingue. I believe there are other supplementaries to the first question asked by the hon. member for Vancouver South. We will return to that subject when we have completed the first round.

Mr. Brewin: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister whether the government will refer to the appropriate committee of the United Nations the question of large numbers of people being detained by the military regime in Chile pending military trial by court martial, thus depriving them of the fundamental right to trial by the courts? Will this be put forward by the government to the appropriate committee of the United Nations?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the Cuban government has already brought this and related questions to the attention of the Security Council and that a debate is beginning today.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

INQUIRY RESPECTING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Can he give any indication as to whether we shall again have to move our families for the continuation of this session in order to enable the Progressive Conservative members to play politics or whether it will be possible for us to get back to our parliamentary vacation?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as everyone knows, that question will be discussed between the leaders of the various parties. I am pleased to find out in advance the position of the Social Credit Party of Canada. Within the next 24 hours, I believe, the acting parliamentary leader of the government, the Minister of Justice, is going to meet the leaders of the other parties.

[English]

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to the government House leader. Will he advise the Leader of the Social Credit Party that if he thinks they need longer vacations he has the right to put down a motion to that effect?

ENERGY

PRICE AT WHICH CANADA PREPARED TO SUPPLY OIL FOR CHERRY POINT REFINERY AS ALTERNATIVE TO TAPS TANKER ROUTE

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I think I had better address this question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs since the Prime Minister is not accepting questions on the subject. With regard to Canada supplying oil to Pacific northwest refineries in the vicinity of Cherry Point has the Secretary of State for External Affairs in his conversations with the Secretary of State of the United States indicated that such oil will be supplied subject to the export tax?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the difference between American and Canadian prices is represented by the tax, but I am quite sure that the American administration understands, even if the Leader of the Opposition does not, that the price would have been the same whether there was a tax or not.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I take it the answer is yes, although the minister skated all around the subject. I should like to ask the minister what assurances he is prepared to give to the Secretary of State of the United States with regard to the price at which Canada is prepared to supply oil to the Pacific northwest? Is it to be, as the Minister for Energy, Mines and Resources indicated the other day, a domestic price based upon oil landed in Montreal plus the export tax? What firm proposition does