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because she is concerned and worried about surveillance on the high seas. We are glad to have her support.

With reference to what is being done, we should put the problem in perspective. The north Pacific salmon come mostly from Russia and countries other than Canada. About .05 per cent of Canada's 80,000 tonnes of Pacific salmon that are caught every year are at jeopardy in this situation.

We participate in the various treaty arrangements, aerial surveillance and the like in that area. In co-operation with other police forces we have apprehended people who have taken these salmon illegally and attempted to sell them. We will continue to do that. However, we have no patrol vessels in the area. We are participating in other ways in the surveillance and enforcement activities in this huge area.

Mr. Speaker: On a question of privilege, the hon. member for Parkdale—High Park.

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PRIVILEGE

COMMENTS DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, my question of privilege is for the Minister of Justice. It arises out of today's Question Period and his reply to the question of the hon. member for Erie about the Young Offenders Act.

I was pleased that the minister invited all members from this House to attend the national symposium on crime prevention in Toronto. I have been trying through his office and through the department to attend that national symposium for a month now. I was told that it was limited to the members on the parliamentary standing committee on justice.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member may well have a matter which he wishes to discuss with the minister or others, but I have to say it is going too far to say that it is a question of privilege.

• (1505)

Mr. Flis: Mr. Speaker, I believe the minister owes it to this House. Can he accommodate the members he invited today? If he can, fine. If he cannot, then he should not invite us.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. minister may want to deal with that.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Pierre Blais (Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Canada and Minister of State (Agriculture)): Mr. Speaker, there are 250 or 260 seats. There are people representing all Canadian organizations, and I welcome the opportunity to mention this. People from the municipalities, the provinces, the federal government, from several departments, from the private sector, members of Parliament, members of the standing committee on justice have been invited. I think it would probably be easy for his party's Whip to make arrangements for access to the seats available to party members. I have no objection. There are seats for the members of the committee.

Mr. Speaker: Clearly, there may be a problem, but I think it could be solved in a conversation between hon. members and the minister.

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[*English*]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I think it is clear to all of us that the tragic war in the former Yugoslavia is unparalleled in terms of its complexity and of the political, economic and ethnic forces involved. It continues to severely challenge the international community and we continue to search for effective ways of responding to this enormous humanitarian crisis.

We must find ways to cut to the very heart and root of this tragedy. We must find ways to bring this war to an end. We must find a way to stop further bloodshed. We must convince all parties involved that the use of force will gain them nothing. They must realize that after this is over they will have to live side by side no matter what the outcome. They must realize that no peace can be brought about by the imposition of military might.

[*Translation*]

Intense negotiations have taken place in New York over the past several days. These are expected to resume toward the end of this week. They show signs that at least some of the parties are seriously interested in a negotiated settlement. Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance