

economic pressures can be brought to bear on the French to get them back to the table so that we can get on with settling this contentious issue?

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I am glad to have a question from the hon. lugubrious Member. It is a serious question. It is a serious issue.

With respect to the situation, it is a disputed zone. That is why we are negotiating. That is the pressure on us. We are responsible. We are going to observe proper conservation measures. The Minister of Fisheries will have to set the Canadian TAC for that zone in December, when he sets it for all the other zones that are in Canadian waters. We will observe the Canadian TAC.

The French who, in the past, took 15.6 per cent of the catch in the disputed zone historically, now claim that they can take 60 per cent. We cannot stop them because it is a disputed zone under international waters. But we are going to protest.

With respect to French nuclear submarines, there has been no decision to buy them. The Ministry of National Defence is looking at the French version and the English version to see which best suits Canada. If it concludes the French model best suits Canada, then we can make a decision, if we are still in dispute with France over the offshore area, the fishing area, whether or not to go ahead with such a purchase. But it works two ways.

We are trying to sell things to France. We are trying to sell France water-bombers. If the water-bombers were built in the Hon. Member's district, he would not be so bellicose about cutting off sales of *x* to France, if water-bombers from his district were going to be cut off by France which would refuse to buy them from Canada. These things work two ways.

#### GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** My supplementary question is to the same Minister, Mr. Speaker. Yes, if my district or my area were involved, I would be up shouting and screaming for some action to be taken, just as fishermen in Newfoundland are standing up and asking for some specific action to be taken by the Government.

In light of the fact that there is a trade surplus in favour of Canada I want to ask the Government, again through the Minister, is the Government contemplating some economic measures which can be taken to force France back to the bargaining table? Or is he prepared to stand up and personalize his attacks on the Opposition and allow the fishermen of Newfoundland to lose their fishing, to lose their stocks?

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman has a very remote knowledge of fishermen in Newfoundland. There is actually a Member in the House from the NDP from Newfoundland. This Hon. Member is from Sudbury.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Come on!

#### Oral Questions

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Personalize it.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Is he not from Sudbury? He is from Sudbury, Mr. Speaker. Let me get to my answer.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Regional racism again.

**Mr. Crosbie:** The fishermen of Newfoundland are closely associated with these negotiations. Their representatives have been at the negotiations. They were there on October 9. They have supported the position we took. They are supporting our negotiator, Mr. Fortier. They agree with us that there should be no quotas to go to France for next year because of its present attitude. They agree that the 1972 treaty is unworkable, the treaty that the Liberal Government entered into, because of the attitudes of the French. They agree with us that the French must reduce their catch in 3PS.

We have exerted tremendous pressure on the French by cutting off French fishing vessels from our ports so that trawlers in St. Pierre and Miquelon cannot get repaired in Marystown.

So the thing now is for Canada—

**Some Hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Crosbie:** —to wait, to see whether this pressure works or not, not a lot of vaporous hot air from the Opposition in the House of Commons.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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#### ENERGY

##### COME-BY-CHANCE OIL REFINERY—MARKETING OF PRODUCTS

**Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, I am from Newfoundland. Let me say at the outset that Newfoundlanders appreciate any Member from any part of Canada from any political Party who helps bring relief from this terrible, insensitive Government.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Tobin:** We do not believe in the creed, Mr. Speaker, of dividing region from region.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Tobin:** My question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. It concerns—

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** You cannot even unite your Party!