

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

FISHERIESNEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION RESPECTING FISHING
OFF PACIFIC COAST

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries. Can the minister say whether discussions are continuing between the Soviet Union and his province of British Columbia regarding the depletion of our fishing resources? If so, how long will they continue and can he say when he will be able to make a report to the House on the discussions?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, I hope these discussions will be completed either today or tomorrow and that I will be able to make a report before the end of the week.

CLOSURE OF CERTAIN WATERS TO FOREIGN FISHERMEN

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the situation on the west coast and the overfishing which is depleting our resources on the east coast, can the Minister of Fisheries give any indication when action will be taken to close off the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy as exclusive Canadian fishing waters in Atlantic Canada as well as Queen Charlotte Sound and Hecate Strait on the west coast?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Very soon, I hope, Mr. Speaker.

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POLLUTION

SALVAGING OF GASOLINE FROM BARGE SUNK IN ARCTIC

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport or in his absence his Parliamentary Secretary. Was any attempt made by any government department this past summer to locate and salvage the 2,000 tons of light diesel and aviation gasoline which was lost with the sinking of a barge in Arctic waters just over a year ago?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I would think that this question could well be placed on the order paper.

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UNITED NATIONSTWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS—NON-
ATTENDANCE OF PRIME MINISTER

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. I am wondering whether the right hon. gentleman would take the House into his confidence and tell us why, apparently at the last moment, his plan to make the lead speech at the United Nations today was cancelled—it would have taken only two hours—and was turned over to the Secretary of

[Mr. Speaker.]

State for External Affairs. I ask the question because this does appear to many Canadians to be a snub to the United Nations.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I understand that the hon. member is pursuing a question asked earlier in the question period.

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[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRSRECOGNITION OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—DIS-
CUSSION RESPECTING NUCLEAR TESTS

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

Since the recognition of Communist China by the present government, does the Prime Minister know that this morning an atomic bomb was exploded on the Chinese communist mainland, and did the Canadian government, during the talks which resulted in this official recognition, demand that China stop atomic tests as a prerequisite to recognition by Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The answer to both questions is no, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a supplementary question.

I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether, during his visit to Russia, he will take this opportunity to discuss the suspension of atomic tests in Communist Russia and in Communist China as well.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that the discussions will cover the problem of disarmament in general and nuclear disarmament in particular. It is also possible that we will talk about international relations in general and China in particular.

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[English]

NATIONAL PARKSPRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—ESTABLISHMENT OF
SECOND FACILITY

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I will try not to take advantage of his bruised condition. Can he advise if his department has abandoned his commitment given in the House some time ago to establish a second national park in Prince Edward Island? If so, is he contemplating the provision of an equal or better value substitution?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member, I am sure, will admit that this is the kind of question which should be on the order paper. If there is urgency, I am sure we would profit from the pleasure of hearing the hon. member at the time of adjournment.