

harbour has not been withdrawn—actually, Alderman William McCulloch has been making representations to that end—may I ask if the government has made up its mind about this particular resolution, and when we can expect an announcement in that regard?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, yes, the announcement has already been made.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### GOVERNMENT ACTION TO CONVEY TO PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS ORGANIZATION AS EXPRESSED AT INTERNATIONAL LABOUR MEETING

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. As the minister knows, at the recent International Labour Organization meeting the Canadian government supported, by an affirmative vote, an amendment which would have demanded that the PLO would have to agree to the continued sovereign existence of any member state which belongs to the International Labour Organization and also subscribes to the Principles of the ILO. My question to the minister is this: that being the position of the Canadian government a few weeks ago in the International Labour Organization, can the minister tell the House whether there has been any attempt made, either directly or indirectly, to express that position to representatives of the PLO or any other people representing the Palestinians in an effort to maintain the same consistent position as the government took a few weeks ago at Geneva?

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**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the government has not at any time recognized the PLO as one of the representatives or as the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. I am surprised the hon. member would suggest that the Government of Canada make official representations to the PLO.

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

**Mr. Fraser:** Perhaps the minister would be surprised to know that the Canadian public would be surprised to find out that, according to what the minister says, no attempt is apparently being made to exert some pressure to get the PLO to withdraw its condition, which is the extermination of Israel, before becoming a part of the United Nations family and coming to this country. My question to the minister is this. Has the government given any consideration to expressing the fact, indirectly or through the United Nations officials, that the Canadian government's major objection to the PLO is its stated aim to extinguish the State of Israel and, of course, its terrorist activities. If there has been no attempt to make this position clear on the part of the Canadian government, why not?

**Mr. MacEachen:** That position was made perfectly clear by myself in my speech to the General Assembly on the

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Palestinian question. If the hon. member will read that speech he will find that at the General Assembly these points were made very clearly and, I believe, forcefully.

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### ENERGY

#### OIL—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO ENSURE SUPPLIES FOR ATLANTIC PROVINCES IN VIEW OF STRIKE OF HARBOUR PILOTS AT HALIFAX

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Can the Prime Minister, in the light of the worsening situation in Halifax arising out of the continuing strike of harbour pilots, tell us what plans the government has to secure energy supplies not only for Nova Scotia but for the other provinces which I believe are involved—New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. What steps are being contemplated to secure the source of crude oil to the refineries so that domestic oil, oil for industry, heating oil and car fuel can be assured to the people of the Atlantic provinces? As I understand it, as of now there is less than two days supply of crude oil left in the refineries in the Atlantic provinces and we face the possibility of running out of fuel in the next two days.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** The hon. member's question expresses the government's concern over this matter. In such cases we have contingency plans, but I must confess I do not know the details of them. I will make inquiries.

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### TRANSPORT

#### STRIKE OF HARBOUR PILOTS AT HALIFAX—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO SETTLE

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** May I direct my supplementary question to the Minister of Transport because it is his department which is presently involved in negotiations with the pilots. Would he use his good offices to bring the seriousness of this situation to the attention of his colleague, the President of the Treasury Board, and urge him to take some initiative, to make some effort, particularly in the light of the fact that the harbour pilots and the ministry, or the Atlantic harbour authority on whose behalf the ministry is negotiating, are possibly only 3 or 4 per cent apart. It seems to me that if some initiative is shown at the bargaining table this situation could be resolved.

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** I have already met with the president of the Atlantic Pilotage Authority and of course I encouraged him to try to solve this problem. At the same time, naturally, we are looking at the situation related to the question which the hon. member put to the Prime Minister with a view to ensuring that the maritime provinces are not deprived of any of the oil they need.