

Oral Questions

dence-building measures, which I know the French proposal suggests. In that sense I can answer that part of the question affirmatively also.

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EXTERNAL AID**CONCEPT OF TRIPARTITE AID**

Mr. Robert Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Does the Prime Minister endorse the concept of tripartite aid as outlined in the Brandt report, and does he see a special role for Canada in this aid format?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Madam Speaker. The concept of tripartite aid was explored by our government long before the Brandt report was thought about. I recall having discussed it at Commonwealth conferences in the early 1970s. I discussed it again recently during my visit to Saudi Arabia and other countries. I proposed support for the energy affiliate of the World Bank, a suggestion which came from Mr. McNamara. It was a subject which I had discussed with Mr. McNamara before leaving Saudi Arabia. I did urge that proposal not only on the Saudis but on the Germans and on the French. It is a form of tripartite assistance where capital would be joined with technology from developed countries, both of which in this case would serve to seek greater energy self-reliance in the less developed countries.

Mr. Wenman: Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Prime Minister. That parliamentary task force on North-South relations stated that Canada seems to have been able to achieve only limited impact in enlisting oil-rich countries in joint efforts. Because of the government's failure in this area, would the Prime Minister consider initiating, prior to the North-South discussions in Canada this year, a series of trilateral demonstration projects whereby Canada would provide technological expertise and equipment in conjunction, perhaps, with Arab financing for assistance to a country particularly in the poverty belt of Africa, such as Somalia? Would the Prime Minister consider several demonstration projects to get to the specifics of this particular aid form which he supports?

Mr. Trudeau: Madam Speaker, I proposed more than a demonstration project; I made a concrete proposal and Canadian government support for it. The hon. member, and I think his words should be noted carefully, indicated that the Canadian government had failed because it had not convinced the oil-rich countries to let us use their capital with our technology in Third World countries. That can be described as a failure of our government, Madam Speaker, but it can also be looked at as a natural disinclination by oil-rich countries in a surplus position to let somebody else use their capital.

It seems to me the demonstration projects suggested by the hon. member all have this difficulty. These are the difficulties which we have run into in the past. It takes an extraordinary

amount of good will and generosity to give your capital to someone else so that it can be used in a third country. I do not fault the Saudis, among others, for being reluctant to embark upon that. That is why we have pursued the cause of the energy affiliate, because it would permit the oil-rich countries to have a greater say in such an affiliate through their votes. That is also why, as a fall-back position, this government in its energy policy has set aside some \$225 million or \$250 million to be spent over the next five years to help bilaterally, with our funds and our technology, the LDCs in finding energy self-sufficiency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**ALICE ARM, B.C.—DUMPING OF TAILINGS BY AMAX**

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the fact that the Minister of Indian Affairs has now designated \$150,000 to the Nishga Indians to fight the Amax marine dumping, would the minister please tell us where he is at in the process of rescinding the special dumping permit issued to Amax?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Madam Speaker, I appreciate the hon. member indicating acknowledgement of the funds going to the Nishga to enable them to conduct research.

As far as the demand for an inquiry, which the hon. member has made several times both to my colleague, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, and myself, might I say that a panel of experts has been set up to look into the matter, notice of which has been communicated to the Nishga tribal chief, Mr. Gosnell.

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If he finds that unsatisfactory as to a communicated vote to my colleague and myself, we will be prepared to consider some alterations for that type of panel to increase its participation and we would welcome its views. As the hon. member knows, that is the substance of the discussion the minister of fisheries, the hon. member and myself had yesterday.

Mr. Fulton: Madam Speaker, my supplementary is for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. I understand he is preparing to rescind the special order in council dumping permit to Amax. Can he bring the House up to date as to where we are at in that process?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, I have not had before me a recommendation to this effect. Basically, the Nishga have told us they are not opposed to the project going ahead. They would like to be assured the project is conducted in a safe way. That is also our aim and our interest. We are trying to find a way to get a scientific review of the project, not a legal one because it is not