

hearing of renewed efforts to meet American commitments for many years and, of course, now the commitment is only a couple of months away.

Was there any discussion in detail of this issue this week and, if so, how hard did the Canadian Government press you on this?

A. The Secretary: We discussed it this morning and the Canadian Government pressed us with its characteristic eloquence and intensity. (Laughter.) As those journalists who have accompanied me here will tell you, it happens occasionally that this Administration gets defeated in Congress, and we will do our best to avoid this unhappy event.

Mr. Hargreaves: We have time for about two more questions. Peter Ward and Geoff Scott.

Q. Peter Ward, Freelance: Mr. Secretary, I wonder if you could tell me whether or not the questions of both coasts were discussed this morning in your talks with either Mr. MacEachen or the Prime Minister -- the stands on the possible 200-mile jurisdiction zone for fisheries and resources and also whether or not the issue of tankers in the Puget Sound was discussed and Head Harbor Passage on the other coast?

A. The Secretary: Yes, both of these problems were discussed at great length, and our views on the subject of the Law of the Sea, as I understand our views, are very similar. We would prefer that the legislation, that the regime for the economic zones, be established by international treaty and not be unilateral legislation. We appreciate the fact that Canada up to now has resisted the temptation for unilateral legislation. We, of course, have our own domestic pressures in favor of unilateral legislation.

With respect to the tankers in the Puget Sound, that was discussed, but no final conclusion was reached.

Q. Mr. Ward: And, Mr. Secretary, Head Harbour Passage?

A. The Secretary: That, too, was raised, and again no conclusion was reached.

The Minister: On the question of the Law of the Sea, I think we had Dr. Kissinger cover the ground four times since his arrival in Ottawa. I do not think he could have failed to realize the interest that various members of the government had in this particular question.

The Secretary: That is correct.

Mr. Hargreaves: The last question, Geoff Scott. He is gone. Geoff Stevens.

Q. Geoffrey Stevens, Globe and Mail: Dr. Kissinger, we understand that you are proposing to transfer Ambassador Porter from Canada to Saudi Arabia, and replace him here with Mr. Thomas Enders.

Can you tell me what your timing is on that?

A. The Secretary: Well, I do not think any official announcements have been

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