

Canadian contribution. Over the next years, Canada will certainly keep on providing with dairy products countries which will ask for them.

[English]

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. Considering the largesse which marks every utterance of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, will the Prime Minister give consideration to sending that hon. gentleman on an extended speaking tour of Atlantic Canada?

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FISHERIES

PREVENTION OF FISHING BY FOREIGN SHIPS WITHIN 12-MILE LIMIT—PROTEST BY FRANCE

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State for External Affairs and in view of the importance of this question I direct it to the Prime Minister. Has Canada received a protest, official or otherwise, from the government of France in regard to our declaration of a 12-mile limit off the south and west coasts of Newfoundland and, if so, can the Prime Minister assure the House that French fishing trawlers will not be given rights that are denied to Canadian trawlers in these waters?

[Translation]

Mr. André Ouellet (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, if I may be allowed, I would like to say in reply to the question of the hon. member that Canada has received no official protest.

However, I would like to remind the hon. member that there has existed for a very long time a treaty with France concerning the right of French fishermen in a section of the territory concerned and that a three-month notice had to be served to French authorities. When the three-month period has expired, French trawlers will have to abide by the same rules as other trawlers.

[English]

Mr. McGrath: In view of the answer by the parliamentary secretary, may I ask what protest the Minister of Fisheries was referring to in reply to my question on Friday, as recorded at page 4210 of *Hansard*, when he said the government had received a protest from the government of France and he did not have time to finish the answer because of the Chair?

[Translation]

Mr. Ouellet: Mr. Speaker, the minister will soon be in the House and he could probably answer the hon. member's question himself.

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

SUGGESTED OFFER TO FRANCE TO BUY ISLANDS OF ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON TO REMOVE PROBLEMS

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Prime Minister. Is the government considering making an offer to purchase the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon from France to help clear up our fisheries problems? At the same time, would the government offer to set off the \$10 million owing for Canada's NATO infrastructure which was lost because of our withdrawal from Marville and Metz?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have no knowledge that the islands may be for sale, but I will inquire and if they are we will make an offer.

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DRUGS

PROGRAM TO COMBAT ABUSE—REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS OUTLINE DETAILS TO COMMITTEE

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Would he take the course, before it may be urged on him, to arrange to have officials of his department make a thorough, detailed presentation to the committee studying his estimates with respect to the program, including pamphlets and the like, which his department is conducting about drug abuse?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I will be pleased to take that matter into consideration, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Would the minister also consider the possibility of arranging for an analysis of this program by those who have gone through the drug world and know what it is all about?

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NATIONAL MUSEUMS

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT ON INVESTIGATION

Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State as the minister responsible to Parliament for the National Museums of Canada. On December 7, 1970, in reply to a question of mine, the minister stated that an inquiry was being conducted into the administration of the museums branch. Would the minister say whether that inquiry has been completed, and has he received a report of the findings of that inquiry?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member's question is already a few months old, I would have to look it up in order to know with what specific point he was dealing.