

Oral Questions

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian government and the United States government are in touch from time to time, both at the ministerial and at the officials level, on questions concerning the Law of the Sea. As my hon. friend knows, it has been the view of the United States administration that the multilateral solution is the preferred one in regard to extension of fisheries jurisdiction.

On the question of extended fisheries jurisdiction the positions generally of Canada and the United States are compatible in the sense that we are both seeking to extend our jurisdiction to 200 miles. We have noted the action that has been taken by the legislative bodies in the United States, but that drama has not yet been fully played out and it is not clear at this stage at what point in time the proposed extended jurisdiction of the United States will become operative. Certainly that time is of considerable interest to Canada.

AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE ON A 200 MILE FISHERIES ZONE

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister clarify the situation in regard to separating the fishery zone from an economic zone or continental shelf? Is it the objective of the Canadian government to try at least to get agreement on a 200 mile fisheries limit? If the minister has time, would he also reply to the question of the equidistant line between Newfoundland and St. Pierre and Miquelon with a view to getting agreement with France on a 200 mile fisheries zone or economic zone?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, on the second point, I know that consultations have taken place between Canada and France. I should like to check the present state of these consultations.

EXTENSION OF JURISDICTION OVER MARINE RESOURCES ON PACIFIC COAST

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister a supplementary question. I should like to ask him whether he will be making a statement in the House on Canada's stand on the extension of Canada's boundaries, particularly the line A-B in northern British Columbia and the extension through the Straits of Juan de Fuca out to the 200 mile limit, and is the minister aware that the use of the equidistant formula, that he has suggested might be used, would in all likelihood lose Canada a large portion of the salmon catch on the west coast?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, if I may secure your indulgence I should like to answer the question asked earlier by the hon. member with respect to separating out the fisheries aspect of the Law of the Sea conference. Certainly, it would be within Canada's objectives to seek a separate fisheries treaty if other important objectives were safeguarded at the same time.

With respect to the question asked by the hon. member, obviously these matters would have to be finally decided

[Mr. Marshall.]

on the occasion when the Minister of State (Fisheries) and myself actually issue under the law orders in council establishing the extended jurisdiction for Canada. Before doing this or at the time it was done, we would make a statement to the House and clarify this very important point mentioned by the hon. member.

CYPRUS—CANADIAN POSITION ON TURKISH MILITARY PRESENCE

Mr. D. M. Collenette (York East): Mr. Speaker, my question is also addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of meetings which began yesterday in Vienna between Greece and Turkey to discuss the future of the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities, has the minister expressed Canada's concern at the continuing Turkish military presence on Cyprus and Turkish oppression of Greek Cypriot refugees?

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Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, first of all I am pleased to note the resumption of intercommunal talks between the Turkish and Greek Cypriots which are really the basis of any forward movement toward a settlement. Canada, at the United Nations, has supported a resolution in respect of the continued occupation of Cyprus by Turkish forces.

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HOUSING

ALLEGATION OWNER OF 800 RICHMOND ST. WEST, TORONTO, CHARGED RENTS HIGHER THAN AUTHORIZED

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that an owner of a limited dividend building located at 800 Richmond Street West in Toronto charged tenants of two-bedroom apartments in the building \$189 a month in February, 1975, and increased the rent to \$205 commencing in February 1976, whereas the rental agreement between CMHC and the owner of the building stipulates that the rent be \$173.25, will the minister direct CMHC to have the owner return the over-payments to the tenants forthwith, and not to permit any increase in rent until CMHC and the landlord have negotiated a new rent increase based on actual cost to the landlord?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder if it is really envisaged that any hon. minister would have this kind of detail at his command during the question period.

Mr. Danson: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Order, order.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM—DATE OF DECISION ON EXPORT LEVY

Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Last