

UNITED NATIONS

CYPRUS—REQUEST TO MAINTAIN PEACE
KEEPING FORCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Will he inform the house whether or not the Canadian government has accepted the request of the Secretary General of the United Nations to maintain its peace keeping contingent in Cyprus, in view of the recently renewed Security Council six months mandate?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the Security Council has renewed the United Nations commitment in Cyprus for a period of six months from December 26. I hope the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre will not regard this as a further indication of failure, when I say that the Canadian government believes firmly in the concept of the United Nations peace keeping, and has decided to continue to serve in the Cyprus force from December 27 until June 26 next year, the period set for the renewed mandate.

SOUTH KOREA—WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Okanagan-Revelstoke asked the Prime Minister a question as a follow-up to another question concerning whether or not Canada had announced its position regarding two resolutions proposed at the United Nations in relation to the withdrawal of the United Nations forces from the demilitarized zone in Korea. Has the Prime Minister any answer to that question?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): There were two resolutions presented to the United Nations assembly on December 16 regarding this subject. One was proposed by certain communist delegates and was to the effect that the United Nations should withdraw from Korea. That resolution was defeated. The other resolution, of which Canada was a co-sponsor, was to the effect that United Nations forces should remain in Korea until the government of Korea asked for a withdrawal or until conditions make it possible to do so. Of course Canada voted in favour of that resolution.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

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TRADE

SOUTH KOREA—AGREEMENT RESPECTING
TEXTILE QUOTA

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

In view of the treaty signed yesterday by Canada and South Korea, have quotas been set for textiles entering Canada from Korea?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Minister of Trade and Commerce will table tomorrow the text of the treaty and I invite my colleague, the hon. member, to study it well.

Mr. Ricard: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question. I would like the minister to put the answer on the order paper because tomorrow we will not be here to examine it.

[English]

NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH SUGGESTIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works in his capacity as the minister who reports for the National Capital Commission. Having in mind the increased interest in our national capital, will the minister give consideration to the establishment of a committee of this house which could meet annually to concern itself with suggestions of all Canadians regarding the national capital?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Starr: That is a concise answer.

Mr. Knowles: You sound like Paul Martin.

[Translation]

LABOUR RELATIONS

C.N.T.U.—INQUIRY RESPECTING REPORT OF
MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.