

External Affairs saw the Yugoslav chargé d'affaires again yesterday, and I believe he is seeing him later today.

Mr. Douglas: May I ask the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether any decision has been reached with respect to compensation for persons living in adjoining residences whose property was damaged as a result of these violent actions? I ask this because of the suggestion in some areas that people are asking for these consulates to be moved in view of the threat to their property.

Mr. Pearson: As I say, the government naturally accepts its international obligations in matters of this kind. In so far as obligations toward the property of Canadian citizens is concerned, that is a matter that is being examined now and, as I indicated yesterday, it involves certain legal considerations which will be looked into very carefully.

[Translation]

NATIONAL SECURITY

PRESENCE IN CANADA OF PERSON EXPELLED AS SECURITY RISK

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, I avail myself of this opportunity to welcome back in the house the President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Registrar General of Canada and to wish him a good health for the years to come.

I now wish to refer to the question I put yesterday to the Secretary of State for External Affairs concerning a Mr. Ritzig. Has the minister anything new to tell the house in this connection or does he need more time to look into this problem?

I put my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, but I wonder whether he caught it.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the hon. member whether he means the question he asked me yesterday?

Mr. Langlois (Mégantic): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Martin: Mr. Speaker, I studied the records this morning and took up the matter with my officials. We found no justification for the question put yesterday.

It may be, though, that the hon. member received more information. I can assure him that we looked up the name he mentioned

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and failed to obtain the required information. I should be pleased to discuss the matter with the hon. member. I believe some of my officials got in touch with him this morning.

Mr. Langlois (Mégantic): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I will be very pleased to take up the matter with the Secretary of State for External Affairs, but in the meantime perhaps his officials could discuss it with the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General, in order to look at that side of the picture.

[English]

FINANCE

CANADIAN REACTION TO POSSIBLE INVESTMENT BY FRANCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): First, Mr. Speaker, may I on behalf of this group express our pleasure at the return to the house of the President of the Privy Council and wish him good health in the future.

My question is for the Minister of Finance. In view of the announcement that the French government has moved to make Paris a more important international money market, what will be the official Canadian reaction to possible foreign investment in Canada from this new source?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): The Canadian government would welcome investment from France. I hope there will be an increasing interchange both in trade and in investment between our two countries.

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): May I ask a supplementary question. When the Minister of Finance says he would welcome investment from France, does he mean investment in bonds or equity capital?

Mr. Sharp: In either form, Mr. Speaker.

OIL

STEPS TO INCREASE EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): I wonder if the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources is now in a position to answer the question I asked yesterday with regard to improved markets for Canadian crude oil.