

*Oral Questions*

Government will be supporting a similar institution in Quebec. Will the Minister ensure that the Ontario initiative receives a fair share of support? Also, does he know there is absolutely no federal funding at present?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, the two propositions are completely different. I am aware of the request by the university and the Government of Ontario. The project he is referring to is being partially initiated in Quebec by the private sector and will be supported by two levels of government. They are not of the same nature at all.

## SITE OF FACILITY IN QUEBEC

**Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey):** Madam Speaker, when will the Minister be announcing the site of the new facility in Quebec, perhaps in Shawinigan or some other place, and what level of federal funding can we expect to see for that facility?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, there has been no final decision on that. There is a group named Electrolysor Inc. and Hydro Quebec which will be in a majority position in the corporation. We will be giving some grants through the normal programs of the Government, but the final decision has not yet been reached.

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## CENTRAL AMERICA—PROPOSAL TO MONITOR PEACE AGREEMENT

**Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for International Trade and follows some of the earlier questions with respect to the statement made by the Minister's colleague in New York yesterday. His colleague said that Canada would be willing to send observers to Central America to monitor any future peace agreement arranged by the Contadora group. I am glad, by the way, that the Government has finally discovered Central America. Can the Minister assure us that such monitoring would be undertaken only after all foreign military forces and military bases have been removed from the region including, of course, American military forces and military bases in Honduras?

**Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of State (International Trade)):** Madam Speaker, I think it is perfectly obvious to the Hon. Member that I cannot give her those assurances and, indeed, I would not want to do so. I think that the Hon. Member, upon reflection, will quickly agree that the conditions upon which Canada would agree, if asked to participate in the monitoring of peace in the region, would be dependent upon whether those conditions would contribute to the likelihood of peace and would prevent further bloodshed and loss of

life. Indeed, I think it would be unwise for us to take any firm position publicly on the terms or conditions under which we would agree to participate in such a monitoring exercise.

**Miss Jewett:** Madam Speaker, I take it that it is therefore useless to ask a further question of the Minister, but in any event I will try.

## PRESENCE OF FOREIGN FORCES IN AREA

**Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam):** Madam Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister to think his position through again. If we are to participate in a monitoring role, would we not insist that all foreign forces, including American and Cuban, but particularly those forces in Honduras which are American, must be removed from the region before we would participate in such a monitoring activity? If he cannot answer, Madam Speaker, then a parliamentary debate really is in order.

**Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of State (International Trade)):** Madam Speaker, again if the Hon. Member takes time to think about it, she will realize that it has been difficult at certain times in the past months and years to know when foreign forces are present in some of those countries, and the extent to which they are present. Therefore, I think it might be unwise to set those hard and fast conditions. However, I believe that the Secretary of State for External Affairs would want to give careful consideration to any representations that the distinguished Hon. Member has made, and I will therefore pass her representations in that regard on to him for consideration. Again, I would certainly not be prepared to take any fixed position at this time.

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## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

## ESTABLISHMENT OF DUTY-FREE SHOPS IN ONTARIO

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the hundreds of jobs that could be created at border crossing points in Ontario by the establishment of duty-free shops, and given the clear indication that, after a delay of a year and a half, the Province of Ontario will not co-operate in the establishment of these shops unless they are effectively run by and for the benefit of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, is the Government prepared to move ahead with this program under the constitutional authority it has for international trade? Will the government establish these duty-free shops at Ontario border crossing points, using private entrepreneurs, as has been done in other Provinces?

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**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue):** Madam Speaker, I am pleased that the Hon. Member should have taken this opportunity to tell the House that we ought to