

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**PROPOSED AMCHITKA UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS—
REPRESENTATIONS TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

Mr. D. W. Groos (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister if he will have the Minister for External Affairs report to the House on his return whether he has made representations to the United States government expressing our concern over the forthcoming Amchitka underground nuclear tests and, if so, would he report the result of those representations? This is particularly timely not just because of the expected date of the tests but also because of public statements recently by eminent scientists in California warning of the dangers of a test of such magnitude triggering other earth tremors of far-reaching proportions.

[Translation]

Mr. André Ouellet (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the minister is returning tonight from Europe and I am sure he will take action on the hon. member's question at the first opportunity.

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[English]

IMMIGRATION**INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF WHITE PAPER**

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, Mr. Speaker. Earlier this fall the minister promised a white paper on immigration with projected changes foreseen by him in the Immigration Appeal Board. It is now December 7 and the white paper has not appeared. Is the minister in a position to confirm that he will be tabling the white paper between now and the Christmas adjournment or is to be delayed until the new year?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I do not expect to be in a position to take any such action between now and the adjournment.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): In light of the increasing pressure of the problems dealing with immigration, can the minister give us an idea when in the new year he will be tabling that white paper?

Mr. Lang: The more relevant urgency, of course, to which the hon. member referred, is the issues which require amendments to the immigration Appeal Board Act which have been mentioned. Work is going forward on proposals in this regard on an urgent basis and I hope we can see some concrete move within the House on this matter early in the new year.

[Mr. Speaker.]

PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY OF
UNION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND PRINCE
EDWARD ISLAND**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. As Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland has declared that he is opposed to any union of his province with the three Maritime provinces but is strongly in favour of a union of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, can the Prime Minister advise if the government of Canada is prepared to give to a feasibility study of a Newfoundland-Prince Edward Island union a degree of financial assistance commensurate with that given to the maritime union study?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if the premiers of those two provinces were to indicate their desire to embark upon a feasibility study, of course we would consider such a request with as much attention as any other.

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[Translation]

UNITED NATIONS**RESOLUTION RESPECTING REFUSAL OF ASYLUM TO
KIDNAPPERS OF POLITICAL FIGURES**

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

Could he tell us whether he intends to consider the suitability of sponsoring at the United Nations a resolution inviting all member states to refuse the right of asylum to kidnapers of politicians, in order to curb the recent rash of such kidnappings?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I have not considered the matter, Mr. Speaker, but like the minister's Parliamentary Secretary, I will refer it to him upon his return.

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[English]

POWER**RECONSIDERATION OF POSSIBILITY OF USE OF
BAY OF FUNDY TIDES**

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister if he will give consideration to requesting the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to re-evaluate the evidence available to his department on the power possibilities of the Fundy tides and thus lessen the adverse reaction his reply brought last week?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I shall ask the minister to read this question and see if he has an answer for it.