

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, that is the purpose of an averaging formula, to try to average out the different years and different experience.

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**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION****REPORT OF CONSULTING GROUP ON RELATIONS WITH AFFILIATES—REQUEST FOR REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Jean-R. Roy (Timmins):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Following the completion of the Canada Consulting Group report concerned with the CBC and its relations with its affiliates, will the minister ensure that this report will be made available to the House and that the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts will be asked to study it and make recommendations in this regard in order that members of parliament may have at least minimal participation in the elaboration of the general CBC policy as it applies to its affiliates and as it affects its monstrous budget?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I have to take under advisement the status of the report. However, that certainly does not prevent the hon. member and other members of the broadcasting committee from discussing with the president of the corporation its affiliate policy. I know the CBC would be quite willing to discuss the matter.

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****ARGENTINA—SAFETY OF CANADIANS FOLLOWING TAKEOVER OF GOVERNMENT BY ARMED FORCES**

**Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In light of the takeover of the junta in Argentina, can the minister advise the House if he has received a report from the Canadian embassy as to the security of Canadians in Argentina and the protection of property owned by Canadians?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. We had a report yesterday from our ambassador who has informed us that our chancery is operating in a normal way and that there has not been any report of danger to Canadian citizens or Canadian property.

**ARGENTINA—POSSIBILITY OF RECOGNITION OF NEW GOVERNMENT—STATUS OF SALE OF CANDU REACTOR**

**Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe):** Can the minister advise the House if the government is in the process of granting recognition to the military government now in power in Argentina? Also, in view of the obvious dangers of the unstable political situation, does the government

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still wish to proceed with the sale of a CANDU reactor to that country?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the embassy of Argentina has been in touch with us advising us of a new government of Argentina. Obviously, the question of recognition by Canada was in the mind of the Argentinian authorities. We have not yet extended recognition and we will do so when the normal criteria are fulfilled. With regard to the sale of a reactor, which is the subject of an intergovernmental agreement, these intergovernmental agreements are binding even though there may be a change of government.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**CUBA—SUGGESTED REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ARMED FORCES FROM AFRICA**

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Prime Minister. In light of the breakdown of talks in Rhodesia, plus the statement by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that further aggression in Africa was unacceptable to the United States and the buildup of Soviet and Cuban forces in Mozambique which could lead to the outbreak of all out conflict in Rhodesia and other countries in Africa, will the Prime Minister express to Premier Castro the concern of Canadians over the continued participation of his 12,000 troops in African conflict and will he request their withdrawal to Cuba in the interest of world peace?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I do not hesitate to repeat publicly once again that we are opposed to all outside armed intervention on the African continent, whether it applies to Cuba or any other country.

**Mr. Crouse:** I can appreciate the Prime Minister's concern. I can assure him it is a concern that is shared by all Canadians, according to correspondence which I and members of my party are receiving. I simply ask at this stage if the Prime Minister will express that concern to Premier Castro by asking him, in the interest of world peace—to withdraw his troops from Africa so there will not be a continued threat of aggression in that part of the world.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Crouse:** Some members apparently are in agreement with this type of policy. I ask the Prime Minister whether he will give that request consideration.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member knows that I made such representations to Premier Castro a couple of months ago. I made them to him personally. I will give consideration to the hon. member's suggestion, but I think he flatters me if he thinks I can get Premier Castro to change his mind just by sending him a message when I was not able to do it by talking to him personally.