

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REPRESENTATIONS TO U.S. RESPECTING
CUBAN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):

Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. Has his attention been drawn to a statement made in Miami by Felipe Rivero, who claims to be the coordinator of the Cuban nationalist movement, admitting the responsibility of his organization for the bombing of the Cuban embassy in Ottawa last October and for the bombing of an auction room in Montreal last Saturday, as well as threatening that persons who visit Expo are liable to be in danger if they enter the Cuban pavilion? Have any representations been made to the United States government with reference to this organization which has sought refuge in the United States and is apparently using that sanctuary as a base for terrorist activities against a friendly neighbour.

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister):

Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the statement attributed to someone in Miami. I am aware, of course, of the incident which took place in Montreal on March 11 and of another incident last fall. I can say that the government is concerned about the recent bombing in Montreal for which Cuban exiles have claimed responsibility. At the present time an investigation in which the R.C.M.P. is co-operating is under way. With regard to the question of further threats, the government is well aware of this danger and we are taking appropriate steps in co-operation with the police forces in an attempt to prevent further incidents of this kind.

Mr. Douglas: I have a supplementary question I should like to direct to the Acting Prime Minister. While we all appreciate the fact that the United States has given sanctuary to exiles and refugees, does the minister not think that representations should be made to that government asking it to curb the activities of this group which, by their own admission, are going to indulge in terrorist activities in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It is my feeling that the question asked is argumentative.

Mr. Douglas: I did not intend it to be argumentative, Mr. Speaker. If Your Honour thinks it is I shall simply rephrase the question and ask the Acting Prime Minister

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whether or not he intends to make any representations to the government of the United States asking it to curb the activities of this organization so far as Canada is concerned.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, discussions are taking place with the United States.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

RECOMMENDATION BY O.E.C.D. RESPECTING
WAGES AND PRICES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether the government is aware that the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, of which Canada is a member, yesterday issued a statement urging Canada to take steps to control the rise in wages and prices, and whether there were any suggestions as to how Canada should take these steps.

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister):

Yes, Mr. Speaker, the government has been made aware of this report through its representative at the O.E.C.D. and this matter is the subject of careful consideration as outlined the other day by the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Olson: I have a supplementary question. Would the Acting Prime Minister or the Minister of Finance indicate whether the report contained any suggestions as to how Canada should achieve this objective?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think that is a proper question.

[Translation]

GRAIN

QUEBEC—POSSIBLE SALE OR LEASE OF
ELEVATOR

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport.

Would he give us every assurance that the operation of the grain elevators in Quebec city will remain under the authority and ownership of the National Harbours Board?

[English]

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker, I cannot give any such undertaking. I can give the hon. gentleman the undertaking that the elevator will remain under the jurisdiction of the board of grain commissioners as a public elevator.