

*Oral Questions***THE STANLEY CUP****CONGRATULATIONS EXPRESSED TO CHAMPION EDMONTON OILERS**

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, starting at 5 p.m. there will be a grand parade in Edmonton today, and it will be in the very heart of my constituency. Also at 5 p.m. five Long Island ducks will be presented to the mayor at City Hall.

What is being celebrated is the advent of "Oiler" mania, the recognition that in a mere five years the Grand City of Edmonton has proven to all of North America that it is indeed the hockey capital of the world.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Yurko: Those beloved "Oilers" in Edmonton, led by a lad named Gretzky, a coach named Sather, and an owner named Pocklington, and boosted and supported by half of the population of northern Alberta, proved that they are true champions. They made those "Islanders" eat crow rather than good Alberta beef. Every one of those great "Oiler" players is to be congratulated on their great victory.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**FIVE-NATION PEACE INITIATIVE**

Hon. Brian Mulroney (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I am sure that all Members of the House were pleased to hear the news regarding the five-nation peace initiative. My question is directed to the Prime Minister. I would like to ascertain if the Prime Minister was personally consulted on the formation of the five-nation peace initiative announced today and, if so, could he advise the House as to his views in regard to the success and the timeliness of such an initiative?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have been in consultation with the Parliamentarians for World Order who are to be commended for having initiated this and for having approached various leaders, including myself, to see if we could come up with a common statement. I very much approved of the initiative in that, in September and October of last fall, I myself was suggesting that political leaders everywhere should follow up on their responsibilities and take a position on the subject of world peace. I suggested that all leaders should press forward as these particular leaders have done, to awaken the consciousness of political leaders everywhere to the need for putting pressure not only on the two superpowers but also on the five nuclear powers, as I myself did for much of last fall and early winter.

PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION

Hon. Brian Mulroney (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister has indicated that he was consulted, and I am delighted to hear that. May I ask the Prime Minister if he was invited on behalf of the Government to be a signatory to the agreement, inasmuch as the main thrust of what we read this morning appears to coincide with some of the ideas that he was articulating? If he was invited to be a signatory, what was his response and the response of the Government?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Indeed, Mr. Speaker, at some stage I think it was expected or hoped that I would be a signatory. However, in discussing and looking at the text, it should be obvious to the Leader of the Opposition that neither I, as the Leader of the Canadian Government, nor he, as the Leader of the Opposition, could subscribe to some of the requests contained within that statement.

Obviously, I am very much in agreement with the over-all thrust and intention of the statement, and so is the Government. However, dealing with some of its specifics, I am quite sure that unless the Leader of the Official Opposition is successful in persuading President Reagan, as the main force in NATO, to change some of his policies, it would be difficult to subscribe to it. The Leader of the Opposition will be seeing President Reagan and if he can get him to accept some of these propositions, maybe all Parties in the House could proceed to come closer to accepting some of the positions in the statement.

● (1420)

REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION TO PARLIAMENT

Hon. Brian Mulroney (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, consistent with the Prime Minister's articulated apprehensions regarding specific elements of the resolution, with which we are not in disagreement, has he given some thought to the wording of a resolution he could present to this House, which all Parties could support, and which would endorse the thrust of such an initiative without necessarily endorsing each and every aspect? I think I mentioned in one of my earlier interventions that the strength of such an initiative would be the all-Party endorsement of it. I know that Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition would be delighted to look at any documents the Prime Minister chose to bring forward which would enhance the support for any initiative which endeavours to build a more durable peace.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if the Hon. Leader of the Opposition realizes that he is perhaps a little less than completely clear when he comments on the resolution that the Parliamentarians for World Order caused to be produced. I say that he could not subscribe to it in its present form, and he nods his head in assent.

As to the question of a resolution of this House, Mr. Speaker, he will know, and it is well known publicly, that there has been a great deal of negotiation between the Leader of the