

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, I mentioned that Canada has passed legislation drawing our fishing zones as those extending 12 miles beyond straight base lines drawn from headland to headland. We are, of course, concerned about the operations of our own fishermen, and out beyond that of other fishermen, but this is obviously venturing into an area of international concern and negotiations with other countries.

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, I did not obtain an answer to my question. I asked the minister whether he would be prepared to make a statement on motions on this matter.

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to at the appropriate time.

AIR CANADA

INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that it is now several months since Air Canada has had a president and the Prime Minister has not given any indication that an announcement is to be made in the foreseeable future, would the right hon. gentleman take the house into his confidence and tell us just what is the main problem that is making it impossible for the government to make up its mind in this connection?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I would not think this question as asked is in order.

Mr. Hees: Then may I ask another question, Mr. Speaker. In view of that, would the Prime Minister get in touch with Professor Marshall McLuhan and ask him whether he would include decision-making in the course he is presently giving the cabinet?

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. As a result of the right hon. gentleman's discussion in connection with communications, has it occurred to him that he might more easily communicate with the people of Canada by having himself and his ministers answer questions in this house?

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ray Perrault (Burnaby-Seymour): Mr. Speaker, to the knowledge of the Secretary of State for External Affairs have any representations been made to the Labour government

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of Great Britain by the New Democratic party in Canada urging the cessation of arms shipments to Nigeria?

Mr. Speaker: Order.

FINANCE

SUPERVISION OF COMPANIES IN COFOMO GROUP

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs in his capacity as Acting Minister of Finance, according to the list of players and substitute players published yesterday. Can the minister, the Minister of Finance or the Minister of National Revenue, or for that matter any other department, advise whether any companies involved in the COFOMO group, which is in financial difficulties, are now under the supervision of any federal government agency?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, if I were the minister of finance today and not the Acting Minister of Finance my answer to that kind of question would be that I shall have to make inquiries.

[Translation]

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

CONSULTATIONS WITH EMPLOYEES ON PENDING LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General.

Could the minister confirm or deny the report that officials of his department are now holding consultations with regard to the problems raised by the introduction of Bill No. C-116? If so, who is conducting these consultations?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question should be asked during the debate on the bill now before the house.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CANADIAN ARMS SALES TO COMBATANT COUNTRIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy Royal): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the