

Oral Questions

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): As the hon. gentleman knows, Mr. Speaker, there is a great difference between the role we have undertaken in Cyprus and that which we have undertaken in Viet Nam. In Viet Nam we are not engaged in peacekeeping but in peace supervision. In Cyprus, we are engaged in peacekeeping in the traditional sense.

As I understand the situation at the moment, most of the problems that have arisen recently in that island have arisen within one community rather than between the Greek and Turkish communities, so it has not affected the operations of our forces so far in any way that we can discern. In Cyprus we are not faced with hostilities between the two communities, but just within the Greek community itself.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Does the minister distinguish between civil unrest between the Greeks, amounting perhaps to a good shooting war among themselves, and the struggle between the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, our forces are there really to stand between the two communities. It could be, if there is further trouble in Cyprus, that the trouble will expand and our forces could be affected, but I was merely explaining that so far there has not been an outbreak of violence between the two communities between which our forces stand.

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FISHERIES**CLOSING OF WHALING AT BLANDFORD, NOVA SCOTIA—
COMPENSATION FOR THOSE UNEMPLOYED**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the fact that the Minister of the Environment closed down the whaling industry at Blandford, Nova Scotia, last year and to date these men are unemployed, what is the amount of compensation to be paid on an annual basis to the workmen affected, and when will this compensation be provided?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member will recognize that normally this kind of question ought to be placed on the order paper, but if the minister has the information available he might as well give it to the hon. member and to the House now.

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, a task force has been at work, has visited the three whaling stations on the east coast which are closed down, and is in the process of making recommendations with regard to compensation to plant owners and alternative sources of employment for the workers.

[Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West).]

NATIONAL DEFENCE**RENT INCREASES FOR MARRIED QUARTERS—
GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a question that is supplementary or related to an earlier one. About five or six weeks ago I asked the Minister of National Defence whether he would review with his colleagues the question of rent increases for Canadian Armed Forces married quarters, with a view to attempting to hold the line with respect to inflation. Has he had an opportunity to review this matter and can he give us some word about his conclusion?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, we have carefully considered rent increases for permanent married quarters and, generally speaking, they are consistent with the rates in what is called "civvy" street, or the private sector.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**REQUEST FOR COPY OF ADDRESS BY ASSISTANT
COMMISSIONER DRAPER TO INDUSTRIAL SECURITY
CONFERENCE AND PAPER ON GOVERNMENT SECURITY
ORGANIZATION**

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General. In view of the fact that yesterday I, as a Member of Parliament, was barred from hearing an address by an assistant commissioner of the RCMP, in what has been described as a talk focusing on labour unrest produced by subversive elements, and in view of the further fact that this talk was given to a private group primarily consisting of businessmen, will the minister assure the House that a copy of Assistant Commissioner Draper's address will be made available not only to myself but to all members of the House?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to look into the matter. This was a conference on industrial security. I have just received notice of the hon. member's question, and I will be pleased to do what I can for him.

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question to the minister concerns other papers, apparently classified confidential, which were given to private businessmen but not to representatives of labour or Members of Parliament. I refer the minister to a paper given by Mr. R. Bourne entitled "Government Security Organization." Will the minister also assure members of the House that they will get a copy of that paper?

Mr. Allmand: I will do my best to provide that paper as well. As far as I know that paper did not contain anything that was classified. It contained matters that were public knowledge, but I will get a copy for the hon. member and look into the other part of the question as well.