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Ocean Ranger Inquiry

A joint inquiry by federal and Newfoundland governments into the sinking of the oil rig *Ocean Ranger* began on October 25, but was hampered by legal limitations. By law, the commission investigating the disaster, which had claimed 84 lives in February, 1982, could not subpoena witnesses outside Canada, and the owners of the rig, The Ocean Drilling and Exploration Company of New Orleans (ODECO) had reportedly refused to provide witnesses unless the commission agreed to limit questioning to their knowledge of the *Ocean Ranger*, and forbid inquiries about other company-owned rigs now under construction. In the House of Commons November 1, both Rod Murphy (NDP, Churchill) and John Crosbie (PC, St. John's West) asked for government intervention in the situation. Mr. Crosbie suggested that the government ban ODECO rigs from operating in Canadian waters if they continued to refuse to cooperate with the investigation.

BRITAIN

Visit to Canada of Foreign Minister

British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym paid an official visit to Canada on October 1 and 2 to discuss bilateral relations and international issues. He arrived in Ottawa with External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen after both had attended the UN General Assembly in New York. In a luncheon address, Mr. Pym praised Canada for help and understanding during the Falkland's war, reviewed several problems facing the NATO alliance, and expressed confidence that the alliance was basically strong and united (*The Citizen*, October 2).

EL SALVADOR

Concern for Salvadorans

In November, several motions concerning El Salvador were made in the House of Commons. On November 1, Bob Ogle (NDP, Saskatoon East) told the Commons that fifteen moderate trade union and political leaders had been "kidnapped" by security forces in that country, and asked that the House agree to a motion to press the government of El Salvador to secure the immediate release of the detainees. Dan Heap (NDP, Spadina), on November 4, asked the government to ensure provisions for Salvadoran refugees in Canada such as public assistance and permission to work. On November 19, Walter McLean (PC, Waterloo) called attention to further violence in El Salvador. He wanted agreement to a motion that

Canada join with other concerned governments and international humanitarian institutions, "in establishing an international commission to consult with all parties in the conflict," and to submit to the UN "practical procedures for a dialogue to end the war and measures to address the deep social and economic problems of El Salvador."

FRANCE

Visit of Prime Minister to France

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau joined French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy in northern France November 8 at the start of a three-day visit to that country. Both Prime Ministers paid respects to Canadian and French war dead near Vimy, the site of a major First World War battle in which Canadian troops overwhelmed German positions (*The Citizen*, November 9).

The next day, Mr. Trudeau met with Mr. Mauroy and French cabinet members in Paris. Mr. Mauroy described France's relations with Canada to reporters as "exceptional for the friendship of our two peoples, for the defence of values we hold in common . . . and for the vision of the world we hold together." He added that Quebec's special relationship with France was no impediment to better relations between Paris and Ottawa.

At the same time, twenty Canadian businessmen were in Paris for a meeting November 9 of the Canadian-French Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Trudeau told reporters that the two governments had agreed to create a joint committee of businessmen to explore ways of furthering trade and investment. Several areas of economic cooperation and joint business ventures were discussed. In an address to the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation in Paris November 10, Mr. Trudeau gave support to the world francophone community, and the Agency's promotion of cultural and technical communication.

Mr. Trudeau also took the opportunity in France to challenge the campaign in Europe and recent draft resolutions of the European Economic Community to ban imports of seal products from Canada. He told reporters that he thought that members of the French government had been misinformed about Canada's seal hunt. He said that he had tried throughout his visit to put Canada's case to French government officials (*Globe and Mail*, November 11). (See this issue, MULTILATERAL.) At the close of the visit, Mr. Trudeau described relations between the two countries as "more than excellent" (*Globe and Mail*, November 11).

GREECE

Visit of President to Canada

Greek President Constantine Karamanlis visited Canada from October 14 to 18. Accompanied by Greek Foreign Minister Yannis Haralambopoulos, Mr. Karamanlis met with Prime Minister Trudeau in Ottawa and the premiers of Quebec and Ontario in Montreal and Toronto.