

*Oral Questions***FISHERIES**

## REQUEST THAT KIRBY TASK FORCE REPORT BE TABLED

**Hon. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. As the Minister knows, the Kirby Report was forecast last January with the establishment of the Kirby Task Force. The Report was supposed to come down in July, then in September, then November and, most recently, January 17, which has now passed.

In the meantime newspaper reports are quoting parts of the Report, and CBC Radio, last night and this morning, carried more reports on what they say is a leaked document. This is creating great confusion and uncertainty in the Atlantic fishery. Will the Minister immediately table the Kirby Report as originally submitted to the Cabinet Committee which we, of course, know is split? Will he table the Report so Members of Parliament can see it, the fishermen can see it and the industry can see it, in order to stop the confusion because they cannot do any planning at the moment?

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Madam Speaker, I think that what the fishermen of the Atlantic want is not only reports but action. I think it would be futile and a complete misunderstanding of the aspirations of the fishermen to limit ourselves to tabling reports. What they want are policies. I hope that in the very near future I will be able to table the fundamental principles and the major actions that we will take.

I hasten to add that this will be done and the implementation of those policies will be undertaken with close consultation and co-operation of all participants.

## LEAKING OF REPORT

**Hon. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Madam Speaker, I say to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans that everyone knows that the Cabinet Committee has not been able to decide on the Kirby Report because it is split over it. There is widespread belief, if not conviction, that the Kirby Report is being deliberately leaked by one faction or another in that Cabinet Committee, either to destroy the credibility of the report or to enhance its arguments in Cabinet. Will the Minister tell us which faction is leaking the Report?

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**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Madam Speaker, of course our policy is well known on that matter. We do not deny, we do not confirm, we do not comment on any document which is presented as a leaked document.

**Mr. Clark:** You do not do anything; you do not show up.

**Mr. De Bané:** For me, the leak is non-existent.

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**HUMAN RIGHTS**

## VIOLATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES—REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT MAKE PROTEST

**Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East):** Madam Speaker, my question is also directed to the Right Hon. Prime Minister and concerns his recent trip to the Far East, particularly to the Philippines. Amnesty International and other human rights groups continue to condemn the practices of illegal detentions, torture, and other violations of human rights by the Marcos regime in the Philippines. Since the Prime Minister has been quoted as saying that he did not feel that it was proper to protest against such violations while recently visiting the Philippines, I ask him today, when, in his opinion, is the proper time to protest such violations, and will the Canadian Government make such a protest?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, I would probably find it more productive to protest privately by form of letter to the President or to the Prime Minister—

**An Hon. Member:** Did you?

**Mr. Trudeau:**—raising particular cases. If the Hon. Member wants to suggest particular cases that are worthy of being raised, I would be happy to hear from him.

**Mr. Ogle:** I will be able to give the Prime Minister particular cases, Madam Speaker.

## OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT

**Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East):** Madam Speaker, a Canadian Government official on the tour was quoted as saying that Canada "is not prepared to cause unemployment in Sudbury to free a nun in the Philippines". I trust that this is not the Government's position. If not, I ask the Prime Minister what is the Government's position on the relationship between trade and human rights?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I have made it clear to all of the Press Conference, Madam Speaker, that policy in this regard was not established by officials, but, rather, by the Government itself. I would point out to the Hon. Member that the two matters of trade and human rights are not in the same category. They should not be traded off, one against the other. One should be able to pursue trade for its own merit in the ways one can best do it. Insofar as the promotion of human rights is concerned, it should also be done in ways which would be most effective.