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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RHODESIA—INQUIRY AS TO STATEMENT ON CANADIAN POLICY FOLLOWING PEARCE COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. He was good enough to send us a copy of a statement made by him on the subject of Canadian policy toward Rhodesia following the Pearce commission report. Does he propose to make that statement in the House?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, it had been my intention to do so. If at the end of the question period hon. members will agree to revert to motions, I will be happy to do so. Otherwise, it will be published.

STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION—REPORTED AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION—PRIOR ADVICE TO CANADA ON CONTENTS

Mr. Murray McBride (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It is further to one I raised on May 5 concerning strategic arms limitation and the talks that have been going on between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. In view of reports that such an agreement has been signed in Moscow today, will the minister advise whether Canada was informed as to the contents of this agreement prior to the signing?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the United States government kept all members of NATO, including Canada, generally informed. I hope that the report the hon. member has received is true because we have been very much interested in success for the SALT talks. I know the House will join with me in congratulating the two super powers on having agreed to some limitation of these weapons.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

DANISH POSITION ON HIGH SEAS SALMON FISHING—SUGGESTED STRONG STAND BY CANADA

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the continuing leaks from the Danish government about their selfish position with regard to high seas salmon fishing, is the minister now, the day before the conference in Washington begins, prepared to really take the gloves off and get tough in regard to our position on such fishing?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, my purpose is not to get tough. My purpose is to achieve results. I think that the kind of attitude we have been taking, which has been a reasonable one and one that will appeal to all nations, is the best way of getting the Danish government to change its mind.

Inquiries of the Ministry

HEALTH

SUGGESTED INCREASE IN HEALTH RESOURCES FUND TO ENABLE TRAINING OF MORE GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the very serious and increasing shortage of general practitioners in Canada, 25,000 short in the next 20 years as indicated by the Canadian Medical Association, has the minister any plans to increase the health resources fund to help provide training facilities at universities?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member should be aware that there are considerable moneys left unexpended in the health resources fund. That is the first point. The second point is that there is a good deal of controversy about whether there is a shortage of physicians, either now or in the long term, as the hon. member also knows.

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AIR TRANSPORT

RESPONSE TO REQUESTS BY FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN FOR SUPERSONIC FLIGHT CORRIDORS OVER CANADA

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister in a position to report what Canada's response has been to France and Great Britain with regard to their request that supersonic aircraft be allowed to fly through certain designated corridors over Canada at supersonic speeds?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, we have made no response to either of the countries concerned in relation to this request. Our policy remains what it has been, that flight at supersonic speed is not permitted over any Canadian air space.

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PROPOSED NUCLEAR TEST BY FRANCE—SUGGESTED GRANT TO "GREENPEACE III"

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, my question may be supplementary in a way to the earlier question about strategic arms limitation directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that the policy of the government of Canada is one of opposition to further nuclear proliferation, and in view of the fact that the government of Canada has directed a note to the government of France protesting the proposed Pacific nuclear atmospheric tests, is the government considering making any kind of grant to the fund-short *Greenpeace III* voyage so the work of this foundation can be continued and enhanced?