

Inquiries of the Ministry

general, on behalf of the organization, and the government of Cyprus.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Has there been any indication on the part of Archbishop Makarios that he would accept an increase in those powers? I ask that question in view of an editorial that appeared in the *Manchester Guardian* of August 12 which reads in part as follows:

—there is no longer any reason for maintaining the United Nations force in Cyprus in its present impossible position. President Makarios should be told bluntly that if the United Nations forces are to do their job properly—

It goes on to say that they must be allowed these extra powers. Has there been any indication in any way that he is prepared to permit an increase in the powers?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, he has already replied, of course, to the secretary general with regard to freedom of movement. Beyond that there has been no reaction, that I am aware of, concerning the attitude he would take with regard to extending the powers of the force. I saw the editorial and I might say I would doubt that was the way to achieve the objective we all have in mind.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Are any representations being made to Archbishop Makarios by the secretary general of the United Nations or by the minister himself as to removing the provisos which are contained in his letter with regard to his willingness to grant freedom of movement to the United Nations forces? I refer particularly to the proviso that the United Nations forces may only go into certain restricted areas after consultation between the government of Cyprus and the commander in chief of the United Nations forces. It is perfectly apparent that during the period of negotiation between the commander in chief and the government of Cyprus, troops and supplies could be unloaded and there would be little value in investigating after that.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, this, of course, is one of the very subject matters of the meeting today; but I have been advised that, notwithstanding the reservation made by the head of the government of Cyprus, General Thimayya has in no instance been refused access to those areas that the government of Cyprus have in their recent communications regarded as secret places.

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

Mr. Douglas: May I ask a supplementary question. Were the United Nations forces not precluded from entering the Limassol area and other points of disembarkation? Is this ban to be lifted by the government of Cyprus?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I expect this will be one of the matters discussed today. [Later:]

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): I have a question I should like to ask the Minister of National Defence. Is it correct, as reported on the radio news today, that a new contingent of Canadian peace keeping troops has left this country for Cyprus?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): A very small contingent did leave this morning; it is really integral with the units which are already there.

CONGO—CANADIAN ASSISTANCE TO MAINTAIN STABLE GOVERNMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs concerning the situation in the Congo. In view of the fact that the governments of Belgium and the United States have taken definite action to provide assistance to the government of the Congo for the development of stability in that country, has the Canadian government made any decision regarding assistance in a similar fashion?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Some time ago, Mr. Speaker, the government of Canada took a decision to join in contributions to a special Congo fund. Our contribution this year will be in the neighbourhood of \$500,000. This was an earlier contribution, but beyond this we have not gone. I should point out that in relation to other countries this was a generous contribution.

RECOGNITION OF QUEBEC DELEGATION IN PARIS

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Maurice Côté (Chicoutimi): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs?

In view of the fact that, if I am not mistaken, the right hon. Prime Minister once stated with much sympathy that "Quebec had the same right to be in Paris as the other provinces to be in London", could the Secretary of State for External Affairs now say