

UNITED NATIONS

RHODESIA—CANADIAN POSITION IN SECURITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Queens): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It concerns the Rhodesian situation now being considered by the United Nations Security Council. Considering that Canada heretofore and in other places has taken some initiative, can the minister advise the house as to the role of this country's delegation at the Security Council's deliberations on this very important matter?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the security council is meeting this afternoon to consider some of the matters that have taken place recently in Rhodesia. The representative of Canada has been active in consultations during the past few days in connection with two of the matters that will be discussed in the security council, and in respect of one of these we have taken some initiatives.

[Later:]

Mr. Macquarrie: Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a further question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs regarding the Rhodesian matter. Unless the Security Council is doing a rather unusual thing in having a secret session, will the minister indicate the two matters to which he made reference and delineate the one in respect of which Canada intends to do something?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): The discussions that have to do with the Canadian initiative concern the tightening of the sanctions against the Smith regime. The other matter being discussed in the Security Council, likely this afternoon, is a resolution on the implications of the executions carried out last week by the regime.

CYPRUS—CONTINUATION OF PEACE KEEPING OPERATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question likewise is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the announcement that the Security Council has given its approval to a three month extension of the peace keeping force in Cyprus, is it the intention of the Canadian government to continue its participation in this force?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I indicated last week that the Security Council had decided to renew the mandate as of March 26. I shall be bringing this matter to the attention of my colleagues shortly.

Mr. Thompson: Is it the intention of the government to attempt to make a different arrangement so far as the financing formula is concerned, or is the government going to continue the same contribution it has been making?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to see a change made in the contributions paid by members to the United Nations, but in the absence of an arrangement Canada does not propose to shirk its responsibilities.

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether it is correct to say that this may be the last extension required owing to the improvement in the political situation in Cyprus, and that the force may either be withdrawn or reduced?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): There has been some improvement in the situation on the island but I do not think the improvement is such that it would warrant the view that this may be the last renewal of the mandate.

NATIONAL SECURITY

QUEBEC—REPORTED ESTABLISHMENT OF GUERRILLA TRAINING CAMPS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey North): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Justice. Is it the intention of the government to investigate charges made by the latest candidate for the Liberal leadership to the effect that guerrilla training camps have been operating in northern Quebec, and that a Cuban aircraft flew in and out of the isolated area without R.C.M.P. knowledge?

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): I will have to take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

WINTER WORKS

DESBIENS, QUE.—INQUIRY AS TO PROJECT AT DESBIENS, QUE.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Alcide Simard (Lac-Saint-Jean): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to direct a question to the