

“branch-plant Brian” saying: “Ready, aye ready”, to Ronnie Reagan and the captains of U.S. industry.

It is hardly a coincidence that the Government should make the announcement of FIRA's demise on the eve of the Prime Minister's “cap-in-hand” speech to the Economic Club of New York. I am sure he will make the corporate boys at the Iron Ore Company misty-eyed with pride.

On the whole, FIRA was good legislation. It had the effect it was intended to have. With the exception of the recession years, foreign investment in Canada increased annually from 1974 on. But, the investment was responsive to Canadian needs. In every major sector of the economy there was a reduction in the amount of foreign ownership. One need only consult the figures for foreign control of Canadian industry from 1971 to 1981. Mining went from—

**Mr. Speaker:** I regret to advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### PEACE

#### GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Saint-Maurice):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Deputy Prime Minister in the absence of the Prime Minister and of the Secretary of State for External Affairs. During the election campaign, as well as during the debates last year about the peace mission of the then Prime Minister, Mr. Trudeau, both the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs said that they welcomed that initiative, and that they would support any initiative of that nature.

Is it still the policy of the Government to maintain that same type of policy, to try to initiate on our own, as Canadians, some peace policies around the world? Or are we to take for granted the statement in *The Toronto Star* of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, who said that the peace mission was no longer valid for the Prime Minister of Canada?

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the views of the Prime Minister and of this Party were fully expressed during the debate which occurred immediately prior to the rising of the House last June, when we had, before the House, the debate on the Bill to establish the Canadian Institute for International Peace. Indeed—

**Mr. Chrétien:** And Security.

**Mr. Nielsen:**—and Security. Indeed, the Prime Minister has said since that time that those initiatives will not only be followed but will be increased.

### Oral Questions

#### STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO MINISTER

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Saint-Maurice):** Mr. Speaker, do I understand from the Deputy Prime Minister that the statement reported over the weekend, that the peace initiative was not valid because Canada was taking a course of its own and that in the future the policies of the administration would be to do exactly as the Americans would do, was apparently made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs as quoted in *The Toronto Star* on Sunday?

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure it is not deliberate on the Hon. Member's part to distort the Prime Minister's position on this matter. I have not had the advantage of reading what the Secretary of State for External Affairs has said, but certainly I know it to be the intention of the Prime Minister and of his Government to work very closely with countries throughout the world in an effort to bring about that peace which is so highly desired by all of us in Canada, and, indeed, all of us throughout the world.

[Translation]

#### INQUIRY WHETHER CANADA WAS CONSULTED

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Saint-Maurice):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Deputy Prime Minister. Could he inform the House why, in an interview given by the U.S. Secretary of state on the weekend, Mr. Shultz stated that he was consulting the allies of the United States before meeting with Mr. Gromyko and failed to indicate that Canada had been consulted? Has Canada been consulted? If not, does the Deputy Prime Minister intend to take the necessary steps to ensure that Canada's voice is heard by the United States before it meets with Mr. Gromyko?

[English]

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the Prime Minister will seek every appropriate occasion to generate vigorous discussions, not only with the United States but with the leaders of other countries in the world, to pursue the objective which we all commonly hold in the search for peace.

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### NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

#### DEPLOYMENT OF CRUISE MISSILES

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg-Fort Garry):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to address my question along the same line, and as the Minister of Defence is in his seat perhaps he is the most appropriate person to answer.

On November 30 I raised a question in the House concerning the serious threat to the whole North American defence system occasioned by the major deployment by the Soviets of Cruise missiles on submarines and bomber aircraft. The Secre-