

world we see no substitute for the United Nations at the present time, even though we may vigorously disagree and denounce the action or decision which it has taken, and this is what we do in this particular case.

However, as I have stated in reply to the question addressed to me by the hon. member for St. Hyacinthe, we will not be in a position to play a proper role in United Nations' activities if Zionism becomes an object of these activities, particularly in any relationship to racism. For that reason we are and will be reviewing that action we ought to take with respect to the resolution that was adopted in connection with the decade against discrimination and the conference on racism to be held in Ghana two years from now.

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FISHERIES

POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSIONS WITH FRANCE WITH REGARD TO LOCATION OF ST. PIERRE-MIQUELON AS RELATED TO EXTENSION OF FISHING LIMITS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Fisheries. In view of the fact that the minister has been holding continuing bilateral discussions with an increasing number of nations could he indicate if it is his intention to have bilateral discussions with France in respect of fishery matters particularly as they might relate to the geographical location of St. Pierre-Miquelon with regard to fishing rights and the extension of limits.

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)): Mr. Speaker, conversations with representatives of France did take place during the ICNAF meetings in late September in Montreal and will of course continue. We have some complicated fisheries relationships with France.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ST. PIERRE-MIQUELON—DISCUSSIONS WITH FRANCE ON DETERMINATION OF OFFSHORE RESOURCE RIGHTS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I do not know whether or not he heard the last question. Would the minister advise the House and the country what progress is being made in the discussions with France as they apply to unilateral or equidistant boundaries between the province of Newfoundland and St. Pierre-Miquelon in the determination of offshore resource rights or the giving of grants in respect of offshore rights, particularly with regard to Canada's position with France as it relates to St. Pierre-Miquelon.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that question as notice because I do not have the up-to-date information at my fingertips at the moment.

Oral Questions

POST OFFICE

STRIKE OF INSIDE WORKERS—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF MOVEMENT OF MAIL TRUCKS

Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Postmaster General. In respect of the opening of the post offices, would the minister give consideration to re-establishing the movement of mail trucks? I ask that in light of the fact that in the province of Alberta probably only six cities have their post offices fully closed down and all other communities have their post offices open.

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Postmaster General): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we were discussing that subject with the officials this morning and I will be in a better position to report later during the week.

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INDUSTRY

MICROSYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL—POSSIBILITY OF RECOVERING AMOUNT OF LOAN

Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. It is further to a question put to him last week regarding Microsystems, and the possibility of a public inquiry. I am wondering whether the minister has now had an opportunity to find out about the situation and could he tell us in respect of the \$36 million which the government had pledged whether the federal government has now come to an agreement with Bell Northern by which a portion of that has been paid back as full settlement.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, insofar as the loan of \$6,729 million for capital assistance was given, this has been recovered in full.

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HOUSING

INTEREST FREE LOANS FOR RENTAL HOUSING—BODY CONTROLLING RENTS

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs responsible for housing. It concerns the statement he made last week regarding the interest-free loans available to builders who will create rental housing at rents controlled by CMHC. Can the minister tell the House if these controls are to be exercised by CMHC independent of the Anti-Inflationary Board guidelines and of the rent controls of the governments of the provinces? In other words, are the controls in this sector of rental housing to be set unilaterally by CMHC and if so, at what level?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, this has been the practice under the assisted rental program for the past many years it has been