

Mr. Gillespie: That is a matter for further discussion. It was agreed that if the report presently being prepared is favourable, and if the three premiers and the Government of Canada agree with it, phase two of the Fundy tidal development project would be the first one undertaken and funded by the proposed maritime energy corporation. Subject to those provisos, it is anticipated that the cost of phase two might be tens of millions of dollars. The exact proportion has yet to be determined by the parties.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

CUBA'S SUPPORT OF COMMUNIST GROUPS IN OTHER COUNTRIES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. It has to do with a very serious situation which has caused a great deal of concern in the United States, namely, the degree to which Castro and Cuba are endeavouring to support communist groups in Africa and elsewhere to undermine existing governments. Yesterday I endeavoured to have the matter discussed in the House, but general disapprobation came from government benches: "no" was the answer. I should like to find out from the minister whether this government was in agreement with the Prime Minister when he sang the hallelujah chorus in Cuba, "Viva Castro".

Mr. Trudeau: That is not Spanish.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Is that the reason the strong opinions of Americans have caused considerable discussion in Washington, asking why Canada does not take some stand in respect of a country to which the Prime Minister has given his support in such vocal and musical terms?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am not the secretary of state for external affairs, and not yet the prime minister.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Danson: I have heard from my colleagues in the United States. There is considerable interest in the friendly relationship between our countries and the example that was set by Canada of renewing bonds with a country which was dissociated from the mainstream of events. Perhaps that will better the state of mankind and bring strength to our resolve in the western world.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, that answer is as evanescent as the minister's answers in connection with that stuff that is flying through the sky. Does the minister think Canada is making any contribution to peace by not standing against what Cuba is doing in sending troops to Ethiopia in a war against Somalia which it is anticipated will have effectively the same results as those attained in Angola?

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Surely, with this wonderful relationship and the carrying into effect of the Prime Minister's admonition from Hamilton hill when he said, "Love one another", that is going too far if it permits a nation so close as Cuba is to the present government to carry on the way it is doing to endanger world peace.

Mr. Danson: Mr. Speaker, I think we are going beyond my portfolio. If my memory serves me correctly, it was under the right hon. member's government that we maintained relations with Cuba. We are following in his footsteps. Not only that, but if I recall correctly, again, when President Kennedy wanted to take quick action in relation to Cuba, the right hon. gentleman delayed that decision. I find this question very difficult to answer.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I expected that answer as an example of the minister's wit. On a few occasions in the past I concluded that he was a wit, only to find that I was only half right.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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INDUSTRY

NORTHERN PIPELINE—DISCUSSIONS WITH STEEL INDUSTRY ON MANUFACTURE OF PIPE

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, who I am led to believe has had discussions with the steel industry with respect to pipe. We hear that the steel industry can be competitive. When the minister had these discussions with the steel industry, was there discussion with respect to American pressure? I mean by that the senators, unions and the steel industry in the United States who are apparently moving in a direction which would be to Canada's disadvantage. Was that type of thing discussed and, if so, what answer was given?

Hon. Jack H. Horner (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have had discussions with the steel industry, and more than likely will have a lot more. I have been assured by the Canadian steel industry that they can, will and are able to compete with the United States industry, and are looking forward to getting the contract for the Alcan pipeline.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, you will notice how the minister deliberately evaded my question. Let me ask him another. I do not know who is going to carry this bill, but in light of the fact that the estimates with respect to man-years, the estimates with respect to the amount of money involved, and the estimates with respect to the amount of steel in the pipe are all in question at this time, is it the intention of the minister, or whoever will introduce this bill at the time of first reading, to