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received any reply to the representations and what it is and, second, whether he has received any information yet concerning the date when this transfer will take place?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I thought I had said in the House that we made oral representations to the United States about the shipment of nerve gas and also written representations. We have not received any written reply. Of course, in response to the representations we made, we have received a good deal of information about the precautions being taken. I have also raised with the United States the question of whether or not they would agree to some of this information being made available to the public in Canada as well as in the United States. We have not received any response to the representation that it might be possible to move the gas by some other route farther distant from Canada or that it should not be moved at all.

GREECE—CRITICISM BY COUNCIL OF EUROPE
—CANADIAN ACTION

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. On Wednesday last I asked the minister whether the Canadian government planned to join with the Council of Europe in its criticism of the practice of the government of Greece in taking away civil liberties from its citizens. At that time I received the reply that he did not have a copy of the report upon which that decision was made. My question today is, does the government of Canada now have that report and has it decided to act upon it?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I think even before I was asked the question in the House I had cabled our representative in Europe to try to obtain a copy of the report. We have not yet received a copy but we will be studying it and may have something to say about it after we have studied its contents.

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, does the government intend to follow the example of the Prime Minister of Denmark who has recently suggested to the United States that it cease sending arms to Greece?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, our shipments of arms to Greece are very minimal and would not in any way contribute to the ability of the Greek government to put down any internal insurrection.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the terms of the brief presented today to the government by the Association of Mayors and Municipalities of Canada, has the government reviewed its policy in respect of involvement of Parliament and the House of Commons and changed its policy of some months ago when the government rejected a proposal by this party that it should be a duty of the House of Commons to look at this issue?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The question was not raised, Mr. Speaker.

FISHERIESACTION REGARDING INDISCRIMINATE USE
OF HERRING SEINERS

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. It is a very urgent matter. Can the minister say whether his department is planning any action on the basis of complaints of indiscriminate use of herring seiners on the east coast of Canada resulting in the almost total destruction of herring resources, similar to what happened on the west coast of Canada?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): The answer is yes, Mr. Speaker.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCEDENIAL OF BENEFITS TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES
IN B.C. INDUSTRIES INVOLVED IN DISPUTE

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Labour a question supplementary to the question asked by the hon. member for Fraser Valley West. The minister mentioned the regulations under the Unemployment Insurance Act with regard to men on strike. I want to ask the minister about those men who are not on strike but who are out of work because of a strike and the evident injustice to them of being penalized when they are not responsible for the strike and do not necessarily benefit from the strike. Is he prepared to change the regulations to make it abundantly clear that persons of this type are entitled to unemployment insurance?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): I thank the hon. member for the question.