

concerning the Rhodesian situation, he stated that Canada would continue to maintain in effect existing sanctions. May I ask whether the government will give consideration to consultations with other likeminded nations in the Commonwealth and the United Nations with a view to the intensification of sanctions, rather than the mere maintenance of existing sanctions, so as to make them more effective and eventually bring about majority rule in Rhodesia?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. gentleman is speaking about intensification of our sanctions, I do not think they can be intensified. They are total.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Totally ineffective. They are pure humbug, Sir.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

[Later:]

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to that asked by the hon. member for Greenwood. I would ask the minister to reply to the second part of the question which did not deal with Canadian sanctions against Rhodesia but with the possibility of encouraging other nations to intensify their sanctions and to make them as total as Canada's. Is any initiative being taken by Canada in that regard?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I hope all nations observe the United Nations sanctions. They are supposed to be universal. I am glad to have the support of the hon. member in these representations.

INQUIRY AS TO SANCTIONS AGAINST DENMARK BECAUSE OF ATLANTIC SALMON FISHING OPERATIONS

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs on a much more important matter which strikes closer to home. Does the government intend to institute sanctions against the Danish government because of its action in fishing for North Atlantic salmon and the manner in which that country has disregarded our interests?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That is hardly a supplementary question, as the hon. member for Skeena will no doubt recognize. However, as the question has been asked perhaps the minister might want to reply.

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PENSIONS

OLD AGE SECURITY—INQUIRY AS TO RECIPIENTS OF SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT PAID BY QUEBEC

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

The Quebec social affairs minister stated last night over the CBC French network that Quebec was granting a

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monthly allowance of \$31 to people 65 years of age and over who were living in homes and that it would be increased to \$40 next September.

Can the National Health and Welfare Minister tell us if the Quebec allowance is added to the old age pension granted by the federal government and can he also inform us who were the recipients since old people do not seem to have received the amounts allegedly paid by Quebec?

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[English]

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I find the hon. member's question somewhat confusing. All I can say is that I did read what the Quebec minister of social affairs had to say. All I gather is a suggestion that he intends to make additional charges to those over 64 who are being maintained in provincial institutions. I am seeking clarification of his statement.

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INDUSTRY

FURNITURE—EFFECTS OF EXPORT OF HARDWOOD TO JAPAN ON WOOD SUPPLY FOR CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS—PROPOSED MEASURES

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

It has to do with the difficult situation facing the Canadian furniture industry and especially that of Quebec following massive purchases of hardwood by Japan in the last few months, which deprive this industry of essential raw materials. What action does the minister intend to take to protect this important Canadian industry?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, the furniture industry, particularly in Quebec, is doing very well, and this development, unfortunately, comes at the same time as a large increase in our exports of maplewood especially. Efforts are now being made to increase the production of that wood and I was told a few days ago by officials of my department that the situation was improving.

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the minister. Is he in a position to assure the people concerned in this industry that they will have the required hardwood, which is essential to the making of Canadian furniture?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, I can only assure you that my department will make all possible efforts to help producers put on the market the quantity of wood needed.