

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

their coasts. When that is done we will pass the necessary regulations under the Fisheries Act to ban offshore fishing by nets by Canadian fishermen. At the same time this conference agreed on uniform regulations for troll fishing for spring salmon and coho salmon on the high seas.

[Later:]

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Fisheries arising out of his statement a little while ago on the fisheries meeting at Seattle. Is the policy that has been established there in any way part and parcel of a view held by his department and the government that Canada should seek extension of control to include the waters over the continental shelf outside our boundaries?

**Mr. Sinclair:** Mr. Speaker, this has no direct relation for no matter what the territorial waters of Canada are this new agreement will control offshore fishing beyond these territorial waters. Within our territorial waters we have, of course, complete control at all times over all types of fishing.

**Mr. Winch:** Are you working at the same time for a recognition of Canada's control over the continental shelf?

**Mr. Sinclair:** No, Mr. Speaker. Most fisheries authorities in most countries do not look with favour on the continental shelf as a boundary for the fisheries because it is so hard to define. It would be almost impossible for a fisherman to know whether he was over the continental shelf or over what is called the high seas. At the last general assembly of the United Nations our government advocated the extension of our territorial waters from the present three mile limit to 12 miles to give us proper control for the conservation of the groundfish within that area.

**Mr. Winch:** What progress is being made?

**Mr. Sinclair:** I would suggest that the hon. member ask either the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs or the Secretary of State for External Affairs when he returns to the house later this week.

**NATIONAL DEFENCE**

UNITED NATIONS—INQUIRY AS TO ADDITIONAL TROOPS FOR EMERGENCY FORCE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Alistair Stewart (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question to ask the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs which

[Mr. Sinclair:]

he may perhaps wish to take as notice. What action does the government intend to take on the United Nations request for an additional 170 military personnel to act in a reconnaissance and administrative capacity in the Middle East?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as my hon. friend has noted, it was not convenient for him to give me notice of his intention to ask this question and I should like to take it as notice. I should point out, however, that at the present time there are countries which have offered to participate in the UNEF whose services and whose contributions have not yet been made available.

**Mr. Stewart (Winnipeg North):** But the government of Canada was specifically asked for these troops.

**Mr. Brooks:** Has Egypt accepted the offer of these other nations?

**Mr. Martin:** There is nothing I can add, except to refer to the statement made outside of the United Nations yesterday by the minister of foreign affairs for Egypt.

**ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE**

INQUIRY AS TO GROUNDING OF MITCHELL BOMBERS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour in his capacity as Acting Minister of National Defence. In view of the continued absence of the Minister of National Defence, is any action being taken regarding the grounding of Mitchell bombers pending investigation as to the cause of the last two crashes?

**Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Acting Minister of National Defence):** I have nothing further to add. The matter has been referred to the department and is being taken up with my colleague the minister.

**TRADE**

FLOUR—STATEMENT ON ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING PRICE REBATES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North):** Can the Minister of Trade and Commerce give an answer to the two questions I asked of his parliamentary assistant yesterday, and which were as follows:

... will the price rebates for export flour announced over the week end place Canadian millers in a position to compete with the United States millers, and to what extent does this move mean the institution of a two-price system for wheat and flour in Canada?