

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

## ANGOLA—USE BY PORTUGAL OF CANADIAN ARMS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, on May 25 I addressed a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and brought to his attention a newspaper report that women and children were being shot down in Angola by the Portuguese army with arms supplied by Canada to NATO and thence to Portugal. I asked him to investigate this matter and he said he would. Has the minister anything to report to the house?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** I have nothing to report as yet, Mr. Speaker.

ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO COMBAT  
LEPROSY

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs?

Does the Canadian government intend to provide within its external aid program to African countries, a contribution to the tremendous work undertaken by His Eminence Cardinal Léger in favour of lepers?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, this matter is now under study.

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CYPRUS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PRESENT  
POSITION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** I wanted to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs a question about an Associated Press dispatch from Nicosia which indicates that the government of Cyprus has asked for a meeting of the United Nations security council in order to denounce the Turkish government's threat of military intervention in Cyprus. The report states that the secretary general of NATO, Mr. Stikker, has arrived in Athens and described the situation as being serious but not critical.

In view of the great concern the Canadian people have for what is happening in Cyprus, has the minister any statement to make regarding the situation?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** With regard to the request for a meeting of the United Nations security [Mr. Pearson.]

council, Mr. Speaker, there has been no decision as to whether or not one will be called as requested by President Makarios. The security council will be meeting in any event, some day next week in accordance with arrangements previously made to receive a report from the secretary general of the United Nations. The secretary general of NATO is in Athens as the hon. gentleman has reminded the house, and he is there pursuant to an arrangement made at the last meeting of the NATO ministerial council. The foreign minister of Cyprus is on his way now to New York, and from his public statement through Reuters it is clear the situation is less critical now than it was a few days ago.

**Mr. Douglas:** May I ask the minister if the Canadian government has been in touch with the Turkish government to express concern at the grave consequences of an invasion of Cyprus by the Turkish forces?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Our mission has been in touch not only with the Turkish government but also with a spokesman for the government of Greece.

## EDUCATION

## LOANS TO STUDENTS—INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** In view of the statement made yesterday by the Minister of Transport and recorded at page 4094 of *Hansard*, indicating that not all the provinces have so far agreed to the terms of the legislation to provide student loans, I want to ask the Prime Minister if he can give the house some assurance that this legislation will be brought down in time to help finance needy students in the academic year 1964-65.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** That is our hope and it is our intention.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING  
CORPORATIONWITHDRAWAL OF FILM RESPECTING  
PRIME MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur):** I want to ask the Secretary of State a question with regard to the Pearson film. In view of the allegation of the producer that a straw ballot was taken to determine whether the Liberal party and the Prime Minister approved of