

Inquiries of the Ministry

pating in the force. We have communicated with certain countries which we feel share our view and which may be in a position to bring this point of view before the government of Cyprus.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): The minister has mentioned a meeting tomorrow with the secretary general of the United Nations and the representatives of those nations who are participating in the peace keeping operations in Cyprus. May I ask who will represent Canada at this meeting? In spite of the difficulties the minister has outlined, will the Canadian representative press for proceeding with every possible attempt to enlarge the powers of the United Nations peace keeping force, particularly with regard to freedom of movement and the right to disarm civilians?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): It had been thought at one time that the foreign ministers of the participating countries might meet in New York with the secretary general tomorrow. This suggestion was made by Canada, but it was thought it might not be possible for some of the foreign ministers to attend. The ambassadors of the various countries will attend the meeting. Not only will the Canadian representative do everything he can to see that the powers of the UN force are extended but, as I have indicated, he has done this now for many weeks.

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the apparent policy of Greece of taking a firmer attitude toward the Cyprus government, and in view of the statement of Archbishop Makarios who has said he will fight on alone, or with others, is the minister aware of whether or not Cyprus has received military aid from any other countries in the area, such as the United Arab Republic, Yugoslavia or Syria?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to add to what I have already said on the question of importations.

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): May I put a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker?

The Secretary of State for External Affairs had discussions for two days, I believe, with the Canadian ambassador to Greece, Hon. Antonio Barrette. Is our ambassador playing a part at present, as peace-maker or otherwise, in an attempt to ease the tension be-

tween Greece, Turkey and Cyprus? What is exactly the part played by our ambassador to Greece at present?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member has properly described the attempts made by our ambassador to Athens in order to find a solution, and I can assure him that Mr. Barrette is performing his duty with dignity and efficiency.

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PENSIONS**CANADA PLAN—CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCES RESPECTING LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Are the provinces being consulted with reference to the pension plan legislation presently being drafted?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Well, Mr. Speaker, the provinces have been consulted all along on the framework of the plan. They are not being consulted on the actual physical preparation of the legislation, at the moment at least.

Mr. Aiken: As a supplementary, I take it there is no firm consultation with reference to the actual drafting?

Miss LaMarsh: Mr. Speaker, at the moment most civil servants in the 11 levels of government, unlike members of the House of Commons, are on vacation during the month of August.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**EQUALIZATION OF PAY FOR PREVAILING RATES EMPLOYEES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. Would the minister tell us whether the government is giving any consideration to equalizing the remuneration for prevailing rate employees and thus eliminate that measure of discrimination presently in effect?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I shall take that question as notice.

REPAIRS TO NAVAL SHIP SOLD TO TORONTO GROUP

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I want to ask the Minister of Defence Production a