

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED SALE OF ARMS BY BRITAIN TO SOUTH AFRICA—  
IMPORT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CANADIAN  
AND BRITISH PRIME MINISTERS

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether in his conversations with the Prime Minister of Great Britain yesterday he was able to persuade the British Prime Minister to change his government's position with regard to the sale of arms to South Africa?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I had these very interesting discussions with the Prime Minister of Great Britain. I did not demand of him an expression of what his final position would be. I just pleaded with him that it would be in the interests of all of us if we went to Singapore and had these meetings at which the representatives of all countries would be free to express their views and at which, hopefully, an accommodation could be found which would keep the Commonwealth alive and healthy.

**Mr. Lewis:** In view of the fact that three leaders of African nations are reported to be considering whether they should attend the conference as a result of Mr. Heath's statement in Ottawa yesterday, was the question of representation at the conference discussed with Mr. Heath and has the Prime Minister found it desirable to take any steps to persuade the African leaders to come to Singapore despite Mr. Heath's statement?

**Mr. Trudeau:** The information we have in respect of any such statements by African leaders is purely that contained in news reports. We have no direct news that they in fact did say what they are alleged to have said. The House knows that I did have Professor Head visit them last week in order to advise them of the Canadian viewpoint. Indeed, after my meeting with Mr. Heath, last night I also communicated again with President Nyerere expressing the hope that the result would be that which I mentioned in answer to the first question.

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## CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

## PERSONAL ATTACKS ON VISITING DIGNITARIES

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Would the Secretary of State communicate with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and request that organization to avoid in future, vicious, personal attacks on visiting dignitaries such as took place this morning, immediately following the news broadcast, with reference to the Prime Minister of Great Britain?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I am quite willing to look into the allegations of the hon. member and convey his concern to the administration of the CBC.

## Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

## POWER

## INVESTIGATION OF USE OF BAY OF FUNDY TIDES

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Is the minister in a position today to indicate the action within his department concerning their studies of the power potential of the Bay of Fundy tides?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member was kind enough to give me notice of the question yesterday and I have inquired into the matter. I find that the report of the Atlantic Tidal Power Programming Board was made in October, 1969, and at that time the conclusions were that the tidal power did not come within economic range. The report has been under review since that date and is continually under review, but factors have not so changed, since October 1969 as to render the conclusions any different now.

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## BROADCASTING

PROVISION OF SECOND TELEVISION CHANNEL  
IN SYDNEY, N.S.

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. In light of the fact that at this season of the year people usually are in a more generous mood than on other occasions and in the hope that the minister is one of these people, may I ask him if he is in a position to provide an answer today to my numerous queries and representations regarding the necessity for a second television channel for Cape Breton?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I did inquire about this but I can change my answer to the hon. member only as far as this: for some time I have been telling him "in a few weeks from now". Today, I am telling him "in a few days from now".

[English]

**Mr. Muir:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister is aware that I am hopefully expecting an announcement to be made on that subject this afternoon.

[Later:]

## TELEVISION COVERAGE IN NORTHERN NOVA SCOTIA

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State. Is he in a position to indicate what action will be taken in respect of television coverage for northern Nova Scotia?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** No, Mr. Speaker, but I can inquire about this.