

Oral Questions

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Don't fight.

Mr. Speaker: I apologize to the Hon. Member. The Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Birds Hill—Winnipeg—Fort Garry.

Mr. Axworthy: I am glad you got that right, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member should get his question out as fast as he can.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Axworthy: Mr. Speaker, it always takes two of them to make one of us.

Mr. Broadbent: No comment.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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TRADE

EXPORT OF HELICOPTER PARTS TO IRAN

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I will address my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. He said that the decision relating to the Pratt & Whitney export of engine components to Iran was taken solely within Canada. Could he explain to the House why the spokesperson for Pratt & Whitney said that not only did they gain permission from the Canadian Government, they sought authorization from the United States Government at the same time?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, there were American parts involved as there were Canadian parts involved. They required American authorization for the export of American parts. They required Canadian authorization for the export of Canadian parts. Surely the Hon. Member would not suggest that the United States should give authorization for Canadian export policy. That is not the view of the Government.

PRATT & WHITNEY—COMMUNICATION WITH UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I never said it was. The point is that this is the Government which was making the decision. Pratt & Whitney, a subsidiary of United Technologies, decided to export an engine made totally within Canada to the Iranian Government, conceivably for military purposes. Was the Minister or his Department aware that Pratt & Whitney was, at the same time, in communication with the United States Government about the export to Iran of its engines made in Canada?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, they may well have been. However, the Member is trying to suggest that there was some kind of

collusion between the Government of Canada, the Government of the United States, and the Government of some other country. That is absolutely false and the Hon. Member should recognize it as false.

As was admitted when I brought forward amendments to the export control law in September, we have a situation which was caused by bad law endured for so long under the old Liberal Government. We have introduced changes to that law. We have already stopped the export of some military engines which the Liberal Government was prepared to send to Iran. I would not send them to Iran.

We have indicated that there is a very real problem with dual use. We have said that we are trying to determine how we can resolve that problem in a way which protects all Canadian interests. I hope that now that there is a Government in Canada which takes seriously this problem of Canadian exports and export permits, we might have the co-operation of the House of Commons.

Mr. Axworthy: Get serious.

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SOUTH AFRICA—INVESTMENT BY FALCONBRIDGE NICKEL MINES

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of State for External Affairs. Two days ago in this House I raised the issue of Falconbridge Nickel Mines reinvesting \$31.6 million in Western Platinum, a mine in South Africa. The president of Falconbridge Nickel Mines completely ignored the Minister's letter with regard to voluntary guidelines for investment in South Africa. Therefore, will the Minister tell this House whether he intends to instruct Falconbridge to divest itself immediately of its holdings in Western Platinum in South Africa?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I very much regret that action of Falconbridge which I think defied Canadian Government policy. I have expressed my regret at that action. When the Deputy Prime Minister met with the president of Falconbridge yesterday he re-expressed that and the president of Falconbridge indicated that Falconbridge intends to divest of its holdings in South Africa as quickly as it can.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, I applaud the Minister for the statement he just made.

REQUEST THAT MANDATORY EXPORT GUIDELINES BE INTRODUCED

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, it is fairly obvious that voluntarism has not been working. What are really needed are mandatory guidelines. Is the Minister