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ity. I am concerned in case one province acquires rights or powers which other provinces do not share. This could lead to the Balkanization of Canada. I ask the minister to assure the House that, no matter what is agreed to, the same immigration rules will apply in all provinces of this country.

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, precisely because we do not want to see this country Balkanized, we used the phrase "the common denominator." We are operating under section 95, which gives the primary role to the federal government. Too often in the past, in setting up a points system, we have operated as though we are a unitary state. We have done this in determining which immigrants should and should not be allowed to enter this country. Some of the provinces feel they should have more say, and that is what we are attempting to do. We have distinct and unique arrangements already with Quebec under the Bienvenue-Andras agreement, and it has not led to any Balkanization of Canada. Actually, it has been an asset to Quebec, because it has increased Francophone immigration to that province.

SMALL BUSINESS

RESULTS OF MINISTER'S TRIP TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the Minister of State responsible for small business. I was much interested in his observation a few moments ago and his declaration that private business, small business, is most important. I ask him, what were the circumstances under which he took his recent—I do not know what to call it—safari into communist countries, the U.S.S.R. and one or two other communist countries? Did he get any ideas over there from communist leaders as to what might be done in Canada to encourage the private business, which no longer exists in communist countries?

Hon. Len Marchand (Minister of State (Small Business)): Mr. Speaker, I regret having to answer that question asked by the right hon. gentleman, whom I respect greatly; indeed, I think all of us here respect him greatly. I am a little tired of hearing innuendos from the other side about my having gone to visit communist countries.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Marchand: It is ridiculous. I went there on a trade mission. I think hon. members opposite know full well I went on a trade mission. It happened to be a very successful trade mission.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Speaker, my skin might be red; that has nothing to do with my political philosophy.

[Mr. Epp.]

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I was interested in that reply. I asked a simple question. I did not think there was any innuendo.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Diefenbaker: Listen to those leftists.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, there are more leftists over there than can be found anywhere else in Canada. I asked a simple question. Did he get any ideas from those "Commies" over there as to how he might be able to encourage the attainment of that objective he has in mind of the preservation of small business in Canada? Did he get any ideas? There was no innuendo there.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Essentially that is a repetition of the previous question.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAID BY RHODESIA INTO MOZAMBIQUE—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO AID IN PROHIBITING

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I am sorry I did not give him notice, but the subject matter is one with which he will be very familiar. The Secretary General of the United Nations has referred to the Rhodesian raid 60 miles into Mozambique, a neighbouring country, as a blatant disregard for the principles of the United Nations charter. The foreign secretary of the United Kingdom has told the Secretary General of the United Nations that steps are to be taken by the United Kingdom to secure the end of these aggressive acts. Will the minister advise whether the Canadian government will consult with the Secretary General of the United Nations and the United Kingdom Foreign Secretary to see what steps Canada can fit into to discourage these actions which endanger the peace of the world?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the answer is obviously yes. In addition, I may say that I share, as does the government, the views expressed by Mr. Waldheim and Dr. Owen in the United Kingdom. It is to be very much regretted that the Rhodesians have undertaken this sortic into Mozambique. We are now examining the most appropriate and effective ways in which the Canadian views can be made known. I have no doubt that our permanent mission in New York will be discussing this in the United Nations context. I will, of course, be in communication with Dr. Owen, the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom, to discuss the same question as to the appropriate steps for Canada to take.