

seem to me that when it takes so long to get the floor Your Honour should give us some kind of recognition when we have a point.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

### CYPRUS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PRESENT POSITION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that the acting minister of foreign affairs in Cyprus announced today that within four or five days Russia will be signing an agreement whereby arms and military equipment will be given to Cyprus; and in view of the fact that we continually hear reports of meetings held by the United Nations but of no decision so far as the situation in Cyprus is concerned, cannot the minister give us some information as to what is actually taking place?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the relationship between the solution of the problem in Cyprus and the current meetings in the United Nations must be clearly understood. The proposal for a solution is one which rests with the mediator and is altogether independent of the discussions which are taking place in the security council. It is expected that the security council will reach a decision today regarding the renewal of the mandate, which has been the subject matter of discussion in the security council for three or four days now. The announcement regarding the purchase of arms from the Soviet union is something I would first like to examine before making any comment.

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** A supplementary question. Could I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether, in the process of renewing the mandate, Canada has made any representations to the secretary general of the United Nations asking for some commitment by all members of the United Nations not to sell arms to the government of Cyprus during this very troubled period, in order that the United Nations force may carry out its responsibilities with a minimum of friction?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** We certainly have made representations along these lines, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the

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Secretary of State for External Affairs tell us whether the Canadian government is now satisfied that the United Nations force in Cyprus does have genuine freedom of movement? I ask this as a supplementary question in view of the fact that the Cypriot government has apparently alleged that this problem has been solved. Is the minister satisfied that there is freedom of movement?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Yes, sir.

[*Later:*]

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs which is related to questions asked earlier today concerning Cyprus. In view of a report from the United Nations in today's *Montreal Gazette* that the United Nations has given no indication that it in any way agrees with the statement of the government of Cyprus that the problem of the freedom of movement of United Nations troops has now been settled, does the Canadian government take a different view of the matter from that of the secretary general? As I understood the minister a few moments ago, he said the Canadian government was quite satisfied that the United Nations force had complete freedom of movement.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, I have no reason to change my answer. I think my hon. friend has perhaps confused it with the statement made by the secretary general in the current debate on his report.

## INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Has the Prime Minister been asked by the Canadian junior chamber of commerce to intervene in order to prevent la Fédération des jeunes chambres du Canada from being recognized on an international level?

If so, what was the Prime Minister's reaction?

[*Text*]

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker, I received no such request to intervene in this matter.