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publishing policy announced by my predecessor is in place. It is being followed, and applications that come before Investment Canada will be judged on the basis of that book publishing policy.

Mrs. Finestone: Mr. Speaker, if there is one area where words and deeds should match, it is in the book publishing area. Here we have a Canadian cultural industry that needs to be understood. I wish the Minister would read the memos.

Some Hon. Members: Speech.

GULF AND WESTERN CORPORATION'S POSITION

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Minister of Communications. Since Gulf and Western's decision to retain veto power at Ginn's board of directors is a direct violation of its commitment to Investment Canada, to the Baie Comeau policy, to the Prime Minister, will the Minister stop this subterfuge and direct Gulf to respect Canadian control conditions to which it had already agreed?

Some Hon. Members: More.

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, my colleague the Minister responsible for Investment Canada is charged with seeing that in any application before Investment Canada the players act in good faith. That includes Gulf and Western, and that will happen.

I also want to assure the Hon. Member that our interest in the book publishing industry is, thank goodness, better than that of the preceding Government which was represented by the Liberal Party. Just in this last few months, Sir, we announced new support for the book publishing industry in the amount of \$65 million over the next five years, and that will go to assist Canadian publishers, Canadian writers, and Canadian publishing in this country.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST SOVIET UNION

Mr. Andrew Witer (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Canada is on record as condemning the Soviets for atrocities and gross human rights violations committed against the Afghan people, and following the invasion of Afghanistan in 1980 imposed sanctions against the Soviet Union. Last week the Minister announced his intention to lift these sanctions claiming that they were ineffective.

Will the Minister advise the House and the people of Canada why sanctions against South Africa work, while they apparently do not work against the Soviet Union, and why the Government of Canada is negotiating to re-establish cultural and scientific links with the Soviets at a time when Soviet

troops are intensifying their attack against Afghan freedom fighters?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I will try to respond very briefly. The sanctions that were introduced by a Progressive Conservative Government against the Soviet Union in 1979 were successful at the time because they helped galvanize world opinion against the Soviet actions in Afghanistan. Those actions in Afghanistan continue to be deplorable and deplored by this Government. It is clear that if we want to change other aspects of the practices of the Soviet Union, particularly with regard to the freedom to move of their citizens, to family reunification, to other issues that are very close to the Hon. Member and to me, then we have to try some other instruments. We are doing that.

With regard to South Africa, I think that every day there is an indication of the increasing effectiveness of the policy that has been followed by this Government. The most recent indication was the very welcome decision announced yesterday by Bata Canada.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Kenora—Rainy River. One question, please.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

LUBICON LAKE BAND—DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION BY CANADIAN EMBASSIES

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, since I am restricted to one question, I too would like to ask it of the Right Hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs. Can the Minister assure this House and the country with regard to the Lubicon Lake Band that he is not going to allow the use of Canada's foreign posts to distribute what, if not active disinformation, is at least a very highly coloured assessment of Canadian public opinion with regard to the Lubicon land claim?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, our view is that the Lubicon question is a question which should be resolved in Canada. There are legal processes that have not yet been exhausted by members of the Lubicon Band. We think it would be in everyone's interest, including the interest of resolving the question, if all parties would turn their attention of the resolution of that question here in Canada. Obviously, members of the Lubicon Band, as other Canadians, have the right to travel internationally and to make such representations that accord to the law of Canada and the country where they are visiting. They can expect to have the help of Canadian officials serving abroad in the legitimate activities they undertake.