

believe called the "Peace Committee", from the U.S.S.R., apparently sponsored by the Canada-U.S.S.R. Association, perhaps the Gorbachev visit, whose chief purpose appears to be the dissemination of propaganda to Canadians with respect to the high degree of freedom to be found in, and the peaceful intentions of, the U.S.S.R.?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member asks me what purpose is served. I know of no direct purpose which the Government has sponsored. I suppose, if there is a general purpose, it would be that Canadians feel free to invite people from other countries who have other views so they would be exposed to a debate on disarmament, which is very important for Canadians. It is not in the traditions of this country, and certainly not of the Liberal Government, to prevent Canadians who want to hear varying points of views from listening to those points of views.

GOVERNMENT POLICY

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister if it is the policy of the Government to encourage the propagation of such propaganda in Canada by such groups from the U.S.S.R.? If that be the case, is the Canadian Government requesting reciprocal courtesies from the U.S.S.R. so that Canadian peace groups can similarly demonstrate the peaceful intentions of Canada and the high degree of freedom in this country, to the citizens of the U.S.S.R.?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: As they say in the Ukraine, fair is fair.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member asks me if it is the purpose of the Government to encourage. The Government, as far as I know, and I have just consulted with the Secretary of State for External Affairs, has not done anything in particular to encourage or discourage. Canadians in this country are free to invite people of other lands, if they do not come here for subversive or illegal purposes. They are free to invite people from anywhere to come and espouse points of view. This Government does not propose to interfere with that.

INQUIRY RESPECTING POSSIBILITY OF RECIPROCAL VISITS

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, the Prime Minister failed to answer that last half of that question, namely, whether the Canadian Government was encouraging reciprocal courtesies from the U.S.S.R. so that Canadian groups could travel to Russia for similar purposes.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member asks a question which is not reciprocal. There is no parallel here. I know of no invitation extended to Canadian groups to go and talk peace in the Soviet Union. That is a reflection on the Government of that country, not on the Canadian Government.

Oral Questions

IMMIGRATION

ADMISSION OF POLISH PROFESSOR TO TEACH AT UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. I would like to ask the Minister about the appointment of Professor Jerzy Wiatr to teach an introductory course in political science at the University of British Columbia this summer. There have been complaints that Professor Wiatr should not be admitted to Canada because he is an adviser to the Polish Government and is the director of the Marxist-Leninist Institute of the Polish Communist Party. Will the Minister investigate the acceptability of Professor Wiatr for admission to Canada, in view of his position in Poland and in view of allegations that he was refused admission to the United States, and in view of the fact that many other academics are capable of teaching the introductory course which he has been invited to teach?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, if the Hon. Member would be good enough to submit the information he has, to me I would be glad to look into the case.

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SHIPS AND SHIPPING

PROTEST AGAINST USE OF FOREIGN-OWNED VESSEL ON ATLANTIC COAST

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. It involves Canadian content, and shipping used to develop the offshore resources in Atlantic Canada. The Minister probably knows that a formal protest has been entered by Ferguson Industries Ltd. of Pictou, Nova Scotia, which company spent a great deal of money developing a vessel for offshore standby and rescue purposes. At the same time the Department is permitting foreign-owned and built vessels, like the *Rescue Kim*, a 1957 whale chaser of Norwegian manufacture, to come into Atlantic Canada, without any Canadian content, and take charter, presumably, away from this vessel built by Ferguson Industries Ltd. Will the Minister use whatever powers he thinks he has under Section 22 of the Canada Shipping Act and protect some of the shipping interests in Atlantic Canada from this kind of incursion from foreign-owned vessels?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, Canadian ships are protected on coastal trade at the moment. It is only when no Canadian ship is available that foreign ships can come and take contracts, and that necessitates the approval of the CTC. However, I will check into this particular incident to ensure normal procedures have been followed, but I have no doubt that they have been followed.