

*Oral Questions*

does the Prime Minister intend at the Williamsburg Summit to raise the question of the detente agreements which were lapsed by the United States following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, in his question the Leader of the Opposition has managed once again to distort the reality of what I said. He has spoken at least four or five times in this House about my statements concerning the "warlike" attitude of the President of the United States. Either the Leader of the Opposition is extraordinarily gullible and he just reads headlines, because I do recognize that those words were used in a headline, or he is determined not to place my position in the sense in which it was stated. I would like to quote what I said in that interview with a representative of *The Toronto Star* and put it on the record. I was talking about members of the peace movement. Here is what I said:

They—

Members of the peace movement.

—are demonstrating against what they—

Members of the peace movement.

—see as the policy of an American president who has rightly or wrongly been perceived as warlike—

The sentence is not me saying the President of the United States is warlike. That is saying he is perceived, rightly or wrongly, as warlike by members of the peace movement. Perhaps the Hon. Member would rephrase his question. Perhaps he would even want to recouch his entire frame of mind—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Trudeau:** —in order to try to ask questions which are based on the truth and not on some fabrication of the media.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Nielsen:** Madam Speaker, perhaps the Prime Minister will the next time he rises, answer my question which he failed to do in putting that explanation on the record which failed to refer to his further observation with respect to the justification of the holding of that perception of the warlike nature of the President of the United States.

## CANADIAN POSITION ON DETENTE

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, in addition to answering the question that I just put to the Prime Minister, which remains unanswered, can he explain to the House whether in view of the lapsed detente agreements, something which took place after the Afghanistan invasion, and in view of the threat to detente caused by the pro-Soviet takeovers in Angola, Ethiopia, Southern Yemen, and Afghanistan, and the deterioration resulting therefrom, he believes there is any point in Canada continuing to support a detente stance in view of those circumstances and in view of

the United States lapsing of those agreements? Does the Prime Minister intend to raise those matters at Williamsburg?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Yes, Madam Speaker, very much so.

PRIME MINISTER'S CONVERSATIONS WITH UNITED STATES  
PRESIDENT

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, there is one more important aspect to the question which the Prime Minister has failed to answer yet.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Cousineau:** Nonsense.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Since making those statements has the Prime Minister had a conversation with President Reagan with respect thereto?

**Mr. Lalonde:** Thereto what?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, I have had very many conversations with President Reagan over the years, some personal visits, some phone calls and so on. I have had two conversations very recently with President Reagan, one in Washington in the White House about two and a half weeks ago, and another in a phone call about ten days ago. It was the Sunday preceding the last Sunday that the President phoned me from Camp David, just as I was leaving for my beloved Edmonton.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Crosby:** They love you too, Pierre.

**Mr. Trudeau:** And again we continued exchanges we had begun in Washington on the subject of disarmament.

**Mr. Nielsen:** With respect to those statements?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Madam Speaker, I can say that the President may or may not have known those statements. If he did know them, I can assure the Hon. Member that he knew them correctly and not incorrectly as quoted by the Hon. Member and carried in the headline.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Nielsen:** Before or after you talked?

\* \* \*

## FISHERIES

RESTRUCTURING OF EAST COAST INDUSTRY—GOVERNMENT  
POSITION

**Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. As he knows, Georgetown Seafoods Ltd. in Prince Edward Island and other fish processing plants throughout the Atlantic region