

*Report by External Affairs Minister*

in NATO. I believe that the high regard in which we are held at this time will be enhanced if we adopt a new, clearer style in our utterances in connection with these matters. Quiet diplomacy has its place, and no doubt Canada has contributed much in its policy of quiet diplomacy. However, I suggest that the condition of the world today requires a more open form of diplomacy, a diplomacy of frank, clear and open statements on the principles involved in some of these basic issues.

*[Translation]*

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau):** Mr. Speaker, I only want to add a few words to what has already been said concerning the trip made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Martin) to certain countries.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs is surely aware that we do understand the importance of his trip, and I think that the fact that he started his journey by visiting communist countries, which I would place at one end of the scale, and ended it at the Holy See, at the other end of the scale gives us much hope because he was able to get first-hand knowledge of views which are, I think, miles apart as far as the conduct of world affairs is concerned.

I find it very unfortunate, however, that the Secretary of State for External Affairs did not deem it advisable to discuss with Pope Paul VI the possibility of appointing a permanent representative to the Vatican. We all appreciate the importance and the effect of being in contact with a man such as His Holiness Pope Paul VI, and I believe the appointment of a permanent representative to the Vatican would be most favourable for our country.

The Vatican is obviously a very small state, but one must nevertheless realize that all of its subjects are disseminated throughout the whole world, and for a country of Canada's standing, where there is an appreciable number of Catholics—and particularly in view of the ecumenical council, where there is a reconciliation among all Christian denominations—I feel that a Canadian representative to the Vatican would be very desirable.

In any event, the trip to different countries which the Secretary of State for External Affairs has just completed gave him an idea or enabled him to form an opinion concerning world affairs, with which we are more immediately concerned, because Viet Nam is at present the cynosure for men of peace, but we note that it is unfortunately also a focus point for dominating countries.

[Mr. Brewin.]

Therefore, I believe and I hope that the Secretary of State for External Affairs will pursue his efforts with the countries involved, so that there may be immediate peace in Viet Nam and everywhere else.

• (3:50 p.m.)

*[English]*

**Mr. A. B. Patterson (Fraser Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to say a few words in connection with the statement made by the minister. First of all, I wish to say that we join in welcoming him back to Canada and we appreciate the report which he has given us today. Of course we recognize that many of the subjects to which he made reference are of world wide importance and beyond the scope of our debate at the present time. I would also like to say that we appreciate the contacts which were made by the minister on behalf of the citizens of Canada who are originally from the Soviet Union and who wish to bring their relatives from that country to Canada. Many of my constituents are deeply interested in this matter, and we appreciate the minister's statement.

The minister made reference to the non-intervention of nations in the affairs of other nations. He also raised the matter of the self-determination of peoples. I, myself, have raised this matter on a number of occasions in the past, and I think it should be stressed more forcefully in discussions with the Soviet Union.

Matters relating to the two great organizations of which Canada is a member, the united Nations and NATO, are of course subjects of great importance and we will reserve our comments on them until the estimates are before us.

There was an interesting reference in one of the daily newspapers to the fact that discussions were held with officials in Italy regarding the training of prospective immigrants to Canada. I wonder whether it was anticipated that Canada would bear the financial responsibility for this particular project.

May I say in conclusion that we appreciate the statement made by the minister today, and we look forward to an extended debate on the various matters raised in it.

**APPROPRIATION ACT NO. 8**

The house resumed consideration in committee of Bill No. C-245, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1967—Mr. Benson—Mr. Batten in the chair.