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United Nations or in conjunction with our NATO allies, to prevent the further spread of these arms to the Turkish and Greek Cypriots?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, I thank my hon. friend for giving me an indication of his intention to ask this question. I am in full agreement with the United Nations secretary general's statement in his report to the security council yesterday when he said: "The problem of arms in Cyprus is critical. Indeed, it may be the decisive factor in determining the ability of the United Nation's effort in Cyprus to succeed."

As I mentioned the other day, the government has been in consultation with the United Nations, and with its NATO allies on this problem. Strong representations have been made to all the governments concerned, and in addition bilateral representations have been made to other countries which might supply arms, urging that all such shipments be prevented.

Mr. Brewin: May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the Secretary of State for External Affairs assure the house that aircraft and other armaments provided by Canada under mutual aid to NATO are not being delivered to Turkey or Greece in such a manner as might increase the danger of war between these two NATO countries?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, I can certainly give the house that assurance. No F-104 aircraft paid for by Canada under mutual aid for NATO are being delivered to Turkey or Greece this year, as the Minister of National Defence informed the house in his reply to a similar question on May 13 last.

ANGOLA—USE BY PORTUGAL OF CANADIAN ARMS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a question of the Secretary of State for External Affairs supplementary to the one with regard to the moral use of Canadian arms supplied to other nations. Can the minister say whether arms supplied by Canada to the Portuguese have been used to butcher women and children in Angola?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the question of the export of arms and military equipment from Canada to Portugal has come up on a number of occasions during the past few months, and I believe the house is familiar with the government's policy.

On October 21, 1963 I stated that Canada has not made any contributions of military assistance to Portugal since November, 1960. So far as commercial sales of arms are concerned we have, from that date, refused to authorize the export of any arms or equipment which in our judgment could be used against the African population in the Portuguese overseas territories. Portugal is aware of our attitude in this regard. Our policy is in keeping with the United Nations security council resolution of July 31, 1963 to which we have adhered.

I should add that I am not aware that anybody has suggested that Canada's military assistance is being used by Portugal in Angola, except as indicated by the hon. gentleman himself.

Mr. Herridge: Is the minister aware of the fact that I quoted a newspaper dispatch in asking my question on this matter?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I am now aware of that fact.

TRADE

REPORT ON CONCLUSION OF UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): While I am on my feet, Mr. Speaker, may I in response to a question asked by the hon. member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings—say that I have a reply with regard to the conclusions of the United Nations conference on trade and development. In view of its length I suggest that I table it. In view of its importance, as the hon. gentleman suggested to me privately, we might agree that it become part of today's record.

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Digby-Annapolis-Kings): This would be agreeable to me, Mr. Speaker; I think it should become part of the record. I am glad to know the minister has rectified his omission of yesterday. I am glad that as a historian he has recognized the fact that Port Royal was the capital of this country in the days when Stadacona and Hochelaga were Indian villages, and that it was in the constituency of Digby-Annapolis-Kings.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): If I did any offence to the "historicity" of the hon. gentleman's constituency, of course, I take the opportunity of correcting it at once, and recognize that a fitting member represents such an historic community.