

Will he tell the House what his government is currently doing on the eve of International Human Rights Day to push for greater human rights within Vietnam? Perhaps he would, in addressing that point and also recognizing the question of International Human Rights Day tomorrow, advise members of the House what he knows about the recent initiative in the Middle East with respect to the peace process?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, let me on behalf of other members of the House express our great satisfaction to the presence in the gallery of Canadian leaders of origin in Vietnam. Many of us have had the privilege of working with them now for more than a decade since actions were taken by a government I then had the honour to lead with respect to the boat people.

There is movement and change in Indo-China, but not as fast as in other parts of the world. We are urging that change move forward quickly with specific reference to the question of human rights abuses in Vietnam. We draw them to the attention of authorities in Vietnam regularly. The ambassador based in Bangkok is in that country regularly, and on each visit raises those issues.

I dispatched a special task force to the region earlier this spring. Those questions were raised then. Last year there were concerns about the fate of two Buddhist monks. A Canadian intervention, among others, helped I believe to preserve the lives of those two individuals and we naturally will continue in that spirit.

With respect to the second question, Canada is very encouraged by the acceptance of U.S.A. Secretary Baker's five points by both Egypt and Israel. That is a most welcome and significant step toward eventual negotiation among the partners directly involved. That itself is a necessary step for a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement. On behalf of the Government of Canada I would encourage all the parties to show maximum flexibility so that prospects for dialogue would not be encumbered by assumptions or by preconditions.

Oral Questions

FISHERIES

Mr. George S. Baker (Gander—Grand Falls): Mr. Speaker, the government knows that any fish plant closures on the east coast of Canada, that could be announced as early as today, are only the tip of the iceberg because this government has yet to announce its quota cuts. It is going to announce them in about two weeks for eastern Canada and that is going to affect the fishing industry.

This is the only government in the world that permits foreign boats to fish within its 200-mile zone.

I want to ask the government if it will rescind an agreement made recently for NAFO managed fish stocks and cancel the U.S.S.R. cod quota in 3NO, half of which is inside of our 200-mile zone? Will it cancel their massive red fish quota, 10,000 tonnes in 3L which is within the northern cod stock area? Will the government cancel all those foreign allocations?

The government may think this is the spirit of *glasnost* but Canadian fishermen think this government deserves a punch in the nose.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, he must have been up all night practising that one.

With respect to the question of quotas, the hon. gentleman gave it all away in this question when he said NAFO managed stocks. That is the North Atlantic Fisheries Organization, which manages the stocks in 3NO. I know that only the hon. gentleman and I know what 3NO is. It is a zone off the east coast of Canada which NAFO manages, not Canada.

With respect to quotas within the 200-mile limit, the only quotas that foreign countries receive are stocks surplus to Canada's needs, which under the Law of the Sea agreement we have to offer to other countries if our own fishermen and businessmen will not use them, as I explained yesterday in connection with the silver hake.

Many other countries also permit foreign countries to fish within their 200-mile zones. All over the globe foreign countries are fishing in the 200-mile zones of coastal states as they are permitted to do under the Law