

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## ALLEGED EXPORT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO CHILE

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. He will recall that just four months ago Chilean dictator Pinochet made the following pronouncement: "We are going to get tough. Those people talking about human rights must be expelled from the country or locked up". The Minister will know that last year he authorized the export of \$11.261 million worth of military equipment to Chile. Does the Minister feel that he has blood on his hands—

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

**Mr. Riis:**—for permitting the export of military equipment to a regime that tortures and jails its own citizens?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I would ask the Hon. Member if it might not be appropriate to put that question another way. I think the very vivid words he used and the direction in which they were pointed are perhaps exceeding what is necessary to make the point. I would ask the Hon. Member to put the question again in more appropriate words.

● (1440)

**Mr. Riis:** Will the Secretary of State for External Affairs explain to the House why he personally approved the export of over \$11 million worth of arms to Chile?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** May I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your intervention. I had thought there were lows to which the New Democratic Party could not sink, but I guess I was wrong.

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

**Mr. Crosbie:** Right down in the scum.

**Miss MacDonald:** Right on.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members will know that the Chair is always reluctant to intervene. However, when the Chair has intervened, I would hope that might be the end to the matter.

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** The Hon. Member, I believe, knows, and it would be well for the House to know, that the content of those export orders to Chile had to do primarily with electrical equipment, not to do with arms, matters which are technically described as defence equipment.

While I am on my feet I should repeat to the Hon. Member my request made three times and ignored three times, that if he is seriously interested in contributing to more effective export control laws in our country, he can help us with positive suggestions of how that might be done.

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

**Mr. Gray (Windsor West):** Order.

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**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** I have asked him three times. I have heard a resounding silence because he is interested only in scurrilous accusations and not in effective results.

**Miss MacDonald:** Right on.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap in this question can offer some of the suggestions.

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

**Miss MacDonald:** That would be unusual.

**Mr. Nystrom:** Joe Clark sure needs them.

**Mr. Riis:** Mr. Speaker, three times I have asked and three times I have been denied lists of the equipment which has been shipped to countries like Chile. I have been denied them at every request—

**Mr. Blackburn (Brant):** Why?

**Mr. Riis:**—which I will repeat, and perhaps this time the Secretary of State for External Affairs will see fit to provide that list of so-called non-military goods.

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**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Not only did the Minister approve the sale of \$11 million worth of military equipment to Chile, but to other countries as well. Would the Minister explain why the Government of Canada, through himself, approved the export of military equipment to Syria, a country which has been condemned by many countries as actively supporting terrorism in the Middle East and Europe? Why are we exporting arms to that country?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, again to be clear, we are not exporting arms to Syria. I will make a deal with the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap.

**Mr. Gray (Windsor West):** Watch it.

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** I will be prepared on a confidential basis—and I will make the assumption that since he is an Hon. Member of the House I can trust his word and confidence—I will make available to him the details of those particular exports with regard to Chile, on a confidential basis, if he will agree—

**Mr. Orlikow:** Why confidential?

**Ms. Jewett:** Why not to all of us?

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** Why confidential? Because there are commercial confidences involved here.

**Mr. Cassidy:** What about human rights?