

Mr. Speaker: Order please. That is both hypothetical and a representation. The hon. member for Crowfoot on a supplementary.

QUEBEC—LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE—POSITION OF
MARITIME EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION RESPECTING
BARGAINING

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Labour. Has the Maritime Employers Association given an indication that it is prepared to bargain in good faith in order to settle this very disruptive longshoremen's strike?

Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I am meeting with the board of directors and the president of the Maritime Employers Association this evening.

Mr. Raymond Rock (Lachine): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. As the Minister of Labour has not taken immediate action to settle the strike, does he intend to allow the Quebec Minister of Labour to intervene, as Mr. Cournoyer stated he would if federal action is not taken immediately?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That question was asked yesterday.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

APPLICATION OF POLLUTION CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS BY STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE TO RUSSIA AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES—CONTRIBUTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of the Environment. It is reported that at the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment some 200 recommendations on pollution control were made, and, of course, all these measures will have to be ratified by the United Nations General Assembly at its fall session. Since the Soviet Union and other east European nations, with the exception of Roumania and Yugoslavia, stayed away from the conference, will the Stockholm proposals, especially those dealing with oil pollution on the high seas, be applicable to the Soviet Union, and will any special effort be made between now and the fall session of the United Nations to secure agreement from the Communist countries to the conference's recommendations?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I am confident that these principles will be adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations and, having been adopted by the General Assembly, I assume that they will be equally binding on those few countries, such as the U.S.S.R., which did not attend. My general impression is that they support the principles. I cannot answer the question as to whether there will be lobbying in the interim; perhaps the Secretary of State for External Affairs can assist the hon. member.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Crouse: Canada is reported to have volunteered to donate \$7.5 million to a \$100 million environmental fund. Will the Soviet Union and the Communist countries be contributing to this fund, and what criteria will be used by the fund's managers to compensate developing countries for trade lost because of the new environmental standards?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether the U.S.S.R. or the other Communist bloc countries will be contributing. Half a dozen countries at the Stockholm conference voluntarily named amounts that they would be prepared to commit to this fund to be used basically for new environmental initiatives, not for trade loss compensation.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REPORTED REQUEST TO GROUP VISITING QUEBEC
HOUSE IN PARIS TO REMOVE CANADIAN FLAG LAPEL
PINS

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the minister been advised that a group of Canadians, including Councillor Seguin of Hull, on a recent visit to Quebec House in Paris were asked by Quebec cultural delegate, Yves Michaud, to remove Canadian flag lapel pins on the ground that the wearing of these was provocative and that Quebec House was the soil of the province of Quebec? If so, what has the minister said or done about this incident?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I have not heard this story before, Mr. Speaker.

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TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF USE OF AUTOMATIC
FOGHORNS

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport in connection with foghorns with laryngitis. In view of complaints that lives and property are being needlessly endangered by the new automatic type foghorn that the department is installing at certain locations—I cite Leonard Island light-house as an example—would the minister undertake an early review of the whole program concerning the use of automatic foghorns and give consideration to whether or not we should return to the old, reliable air horns that everybody had to listen to whether they wanted to or not?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have already initiated this review since quite a number of fishermen on the east coast have made the same complaint to me. The alleged authorities on these matters say that there they are more effective, but the people who actually make use of them are arguing the point and I am trying to resolve these two differing points of view.