

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Macquarrie: Can the minister advise if any relief is now proceeding from Canada to that area?

Mr. Sharp: No, Mr. Speaker, we have not yet had any request that we can fulfil. Of course, it is only recently that the Canadian government was providing substantial relief to Pakistan in connection with the flooding, and I cannot say whether all of this has arrived.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**FURTHER MEASURES TO CONTROL POSSIBLE
PRICE INCREASES**

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. In view of the warning of the head of the Bank of Canada that the economy may be entering a period of rapid price rise before inflation is brought completely under control, is the government preparing further controls, other than the present fiscal tools, for application in the future?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, as I have indicated previously, the government for a long period of time during the recent battle against inflation has been studying the possibility of other types of measures that might be used in order to combat rapidly rising prices.

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PENITENTIARIES**MILLHAVEN—CURTAILMENT OF VISIT BY CERTAIN
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Solicitor General if his directive yesterday was issued only because members of the opposition were involved and does not apply to other members? I understand that one member of his party has been in the penitentiary within the last few days and there was not this kind of directive.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I was not aware of that fact.

[English]

Mr. Peters: Mr. Speaker, the Solicitor General, in my opinion, was aware of this because I understand that he took the hon. member for Kingston and The Islands in with him as the Member of Parliament for that area.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**NEGOTIATIONS WITH CERTAIN COUNTRIES ON PHASING
OUT THEIR FISHING OPERATIONS WITHIN
CANADIAN WATERS**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Secretary of State for

[Mr. Sharp.]

External Affairs. According to a release from his office dated April 28, proposals have been made by Canada and Norway which could serve as the basis for agreement between the two countries on the future conduct of fishing and sealing activities in Canada's territorial sea and exclusive fishing zones. Would the minister indicate whether any progress has been made in arranging similar meetings with Portugal, Spain, Italy, Denmark, the United Kingdom and especially France which would cover the phasing out of fishing operations and the acceptance of Canadian jurisdiction in the newly created 12-mile territorial sea and fishing zones off Canada's east and west coasts?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, negotiations and conversations are under way with a number of those countries. I should like to take the question as notice before giving a precise answer.

**DISCUSSIONS WITH DENMARK ON CONSERVATION
OF ATLANTIC SALMON**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Does he intend to initiate any discussions with the government of Denmark with respect to the failure of that country to act on conservation measures with respect to the overexploitation of Atlantic salmon off the coast of Greenland?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Yes, Mr. Speaker, in the first week of June.

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INFORMATION CANADA**POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING COST OF PUBLICATIONS
FOR STUDENTS**

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I want to direct my question to the hon. minister responsible for Information Canada.

Can he indicate to the House what possibilities there are for Information Canada to lower the prices of books sold to students in order to make it much easier for young students who would like to use these books to get information?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that this question was put yesterday. Unfortunately, I do not remember whether the hon. minister had promised an answer. It would be simpler maybe to allow him to do so briefly.

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, Information Canada does its utmost to make available to students, at the lowest prices possible, certain publications which may be of some use to them.

Besides, Information Canada offers a 33½ per cent discount to any school board or school which orders its publications with the special order forms of this agency.