

*Oral Questions***EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****FIVE-NATION PEACE INITIATIVE—ROLE OF GREECE**

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Right Hon. Prime Minister, and is a supplement to that of the Leader of the Opposition. It concerns the new peace proposal announced simultaneously by countries such as Greece, Sweden, India, Mexico, and Tanzania. The Prime Minister, is saying that he was not part of this, referred to our NATO commitments. I would like to remind him that one of the signatories to this initiative is Greece, a NATO country. The Prime Minister just recently said in a speech that NATO is a democracy and we have the right to disagree with some of the over-all initiatives. I would like to ask him why he did not consider joining with Greece in a more dramatic attempt to try to break the log-jam and seek disarmament in the world.

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Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member will remember that Prime Minister Papan-dreou had proposed a six-month freeze on the two-track decision. This was rejected unanimously by all the other NATO members. I think it is certainly within the right of the Prime Minister of Greece, and of his Government, still to hold the belief that somehow the freeze of the deployment would have been a solution to the deployment of the SS-20s by the Soviets. However, this was not my opinion, and it was not the opinion of the other leaders of NATO who spoke on the subject.

I am not here to judge the position of the Prime Minister of Greece, who is an eminent leader and one whom I personally respect. However, I am here to state the position of the Canadian Government that, having adhered to the NATO decision in December, 1979—and I remind the House that it was a decision taken by the then Tory Government—it is a decision which our Government has decided to accept and support. That is the position. Therefore, we cannot have the latitude of the Prime Minister of Greece and still be faithful allies of NATO.

ARMS RACE EXPENDITURES—SUGGESTED TRANSFER OF RESOURCES

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): My supplementary question is also directed to the Prime Minister. I am sure he has seen the four or five page initiative by the five countries. I wonder if he can tell the House whether or not he is willing to accept some of these points and add them to his own peace proposals, such as point 4 which talks about the transferring of resources from the arms race into economic and social developments, as well as the halting of all testing production and deployment of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems. Is he willing to add some of these points to his own initiative?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): On the first point, Mr. Speaker, about transferring resources to the Third

World, that is a point which I urged very strongly on the leaders of the Third World themselves when we convened in New Delhi last November. It is a general idea which I have also supported at the United Nations. Therefore, I have no difficulty in adding that to any House resolution.

It is a little bit extraneous to the direct question of getting the two superpowers together but it is not something to which I would object. However, when the Hon. Member goes on to ask whether I would be prepared to support and include in a resolution the idea of a freeze of deployment, he himself should realize that at the present stage of the game that is contrary to the two-track decision. I must remind the Hon. Member that the Soviets certainly were not freezing deployment when, between 1977, more or less, and the present time, they continued deploying SS-20s.

CRUISE MISSILE TESTING

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): My final supplementary question on the Prime Minister's NATO ploy is this. Since Greece was part of the initiative, and since Denmark has said no to deployment in that country, and apparently Holland is now delaying a decision to deploy the missile there, I wonder whether or not the Prime Minister might reconsider the go ahead he has given to the Americans on the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada and finally say no to the United States, in a dramatic effort to try to break that nuclear log jam?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, saying no to the United States is relatively easy. What is more difficult, to my mind, is to say no to the spirit of the two-track decision which is something which we adhered to, it is something which we hoped would lead to creative discussions between the two super powers, and which we hoped would result in a limitation of the nuclear arms race and eventual de-escalation. It did not work out that way, Mr. Speaker, and no country regrets it more than Canada. However, I am not prepared, nor is the Hon. Member's Party prepared, as I understand it, at this time, to say no to NATO. That is the question he should be asking himself.

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STATISTICS CANADA**SURVEY OF FAMILY FINANCES**

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Supply and Services who is responsible for Statistics Canada. A survey which is presently being undertaken by Statistics Canada into the debts and assets of some 15,000 households across Canada is being protested by the Consumers' Association of Canada, and by others, as a gross invasion of privacy. Would the Minister tell the House what possible reason the Government has to want to know how much money a family has in the bank, what amount of cash it has on hand in the home, what