

*Oral Questions*

Affairs. Has the Canadian government requested from the Vietnamese government any explanation as to why three Canadian missionaries have been expelled from Viet Nam, along with 23 other missionaries from other countries?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I must look into this question.

**Mr. Wagner:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. While the minister is looking into these questions, will he also tell the House if the government of Canada intends to protest against the unwarranted expulsion of these Canadian citizens, and against this flagrant violation of the United Nations charter on freedom of movement of peaceful persons by the Vietnamese government?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, once I have had an opportunity to examine the facts, I will make a judgment whether a protest is justified. If the action carries all the surrounding approbrium the hon. member alleges, of course we will make our views known to that government.

**Mr. Wagner:** A final supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister advise the House if the government is prepared to facilitate the return of those Canadian missionaries to Canada?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Yes, Mr. Speaker; obviously.

DECLARATION OF 200-MILE FISHING ZONE—DISCUSSIONS  
WITH FRANCE

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs if he can reassure the House and country of the government's intention to proceed with the declaration of a 200-mile economic zone for Canada by the end of the year, notwithstanding French intentions in this regard? Perhaps the minister could also tell the House what progress has been made in talks with the French government regarding their intentions off Canada's east coast?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt but that the government will implement its decision to bring into effect Canadian jurisdiction not later than January 1, 1977. We have not had talks recently with the French government with regard to the implications of the extension of the 200-mile limit with respect to St. Pierre and Miquelon but we have made clear our views that the land mass of these islands when compared with the land mass of Newfoundland, justifies a more appropriate solution than that suggested by the French government.

**Mr. McGrath:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I ask if Canada still holds to the position arrived at during talks at an earlier stage? Are we prepared to enter into some kind of reciprocal arrangement with France with regard to fishing rights off the east coast of Canada in those areas lying within the 200-mile limit off the French islands?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, our general policy has been to enter into bilateral discussions and reciprocal

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arrangements where, in those arrangements, Canadian interests are fully protected and we would take that attitude with respect to the French.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

ALLEGED DISCOVERY OF THREE VEHICLES CONTAINING  
EXPLOSIVES AT OLYMPIC SITE

**Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. Has the minister been privy to any rumour or report saying that three unauthorized military vehicles were recently discovered at the Olympic site, and that these vehicles contained explosives?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** No, Mr. Speaker. I have not heard that report, and am kept informed daily of the activities of the Canadian Armed Forces in support of the Olympics.

**Mr. Brisco:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the possibility that the report is accurate, I wonder if the minister will perhaps examine the circumstances and determine if these vehicles may have originated from a Montreal armoury and contained explosives which were in a deteriorated state and ready for disposal.

**Mr. Richardson:** Mr. Speaker, I would be pleased if the hon. member would provide me with the source of his information; I will of course be ready to look into it. But I have no report of that kind.

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[Translation]

BILINGUALISM

THE DIFFICULTY IN MAKING IT UNDERSTOOD

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister.

Last Friday night I had the opportunity to listen to the Prime Minister during a CBC broadcast, from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. He was answering questions from French Canadian reporters. At least two of these reporters were block heads who could not and would not understand anything.

Does the Prime Minister feel he will have as much difficulty getting through to the air pilots and air traffic controllers as he experienced with these block heads during this Friday night interview?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member has come to realize once more something of which we are all perfectly aware by now, namely, that there are block heads on both sides of the linguistic barrier.

**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary.