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OIL AND GAS PRICES—RELATIONSHIP OF INCREASES TO GENERAL CONSENSUS ON APPROPRIATE PRICE INCREASES

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the fact that this week there will be considerable discussion about price changes for oil and gas, has the position being put forth by the government as to the appropriate pricing for these two natural resources been made in relation to some general consensus as to what price increases are appropriate for the economy at this time?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, in the preparation of the government's approach to this conference, the Minister of Finance has, of course, been fully involved. The concern about the impact on Canadian consumers of any very substantial price increase has been at the forefront of our discussions.

Mr. Gillies: Perhaps the minister misunderstood my question. It is precisely this. Was the position that the federal government will be putting forward at this conference arrived at in relation to a general program of consensus with respect to price increases in the economy?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, the general program was certainly taken into account.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM—AMOUNT AND KIND OF AID OFFERED AND AGENCIES THROUGH WHICH IT IS CHANNELLED

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In light of recent events in South Viet Nam, will the minister advise the House what kind of aid the government of Canada is now providing to both South and North Viet Nam, the dollar value of that aid and the agencies through which it is being channelled?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Up to the present time, Mr. Speaker, we have committed in excess of \$6 million for humanitarian assistance in Indo-China. That is the first phase. We are watching developments and will respond to further needs as defined by the Secretary-General of the United Nations or the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees. We have allocated these funds through three international organizations; the Red Cross, the U.N. Commission for Refugees and UNICEF.

Mr. Broadbent: There is one part of my question with which the minister has not dealt; I am sure the omission was unintentional. Can he give the House a breakdown as between North and South Viet Nam?

Mr. MacEachen: No, Mr. Speaker, I cannot provide that information because it is expected or hoped that our primary thrust will be in the direction of helping the civilian

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populations which have been so tragically affected by the offensive now taking place. That will be the primary target of our assistance. I cannot provide the hon. member with a breakdown, but I will be happy to try to find out whether any approximation is possible.

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IMMIGRATION

DATE OF ADOPTION OF CHILDREN COMING FROM VIET NAM

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): I will address my final supplementary to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It concerns adopted children who are being brought from Viet Nam to Canada. Can he inform the House whether these children were adopted at some time in the past, for instance, some months ago, or whether these adoptions are being carried out more or less on the spur of the moment?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): The children we are seeking to bring out of Viet Nam in the circumstances are, in the main, children with respect to whom adoption proceedings were either completed or under way with the sanction of the South Viet Nam government and approval of provincial agencies in Canada. We are concentrating on these categories. It may happen that some children, in respect of whom formal adoption procedures have not been followed, might find their way aboard aircraft and be brought to Canada. If such were the case, we would regard them as having reached a temporary safe haven on humanitarian grounds. We are not, however, embarking upon the removal of children from Viet Nam without the sanction of a recognized government; we are fully aware of a possible aftermath in the sense that some of these children might have living parents and that they are Vietnamese citizens. We are being extremely careful about this aspect, as I sought to make clear in the public statements I have made during the last few days.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

FREEDOM OF PRESS—CANCELLATION OF ADVERTISING IN "LE JOUR"

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

A few days ago the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources cancelled a series of ads which had been published up till then in the Montreal daily *Le Jour*. Well, the hurt, frustrated and embittered press council is reported to have made representations to the Prime Minister in the name of the so-called freedom of the press. Has the Prime Minister in fact received representations from these crybabies of the press council and, if so, what has been his reply?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): As far as I am concerned, Mr. Speaker, I have received no direct representations from the press council. They may have