

*Oral Questions***THE ECONOMY**

Mr. Guy Arseneault (Restigouche—Chaleur): Mr. Speaker, Canada's economy is in a free fall as a result of the poorly designed policies of the Tory government and its failure to act.

The government has said repeatedly that it has to keep interest rates up to fight inflation, conveniently forgetting that its policies created the problem in the first place.

If we consider that the same government is maintaining an overvalued dollar, we have a recipe for creating an army reserve of unemployed Canadians, to quote Professor Thomas Courchene. In fact, the government's obsession with maintaining the dollar at this level is devastating for many sectors in our economy.

[*English*]

The Tory high dollar is taking its toll on agriculture, tourism and all export related sectors. We have heard enough of the government's pious platitudes, pretending that it has the best interests of all Canadians as motivation behind its economic policies.

The government must stop devising fly-by-night and knee-jerk strategies that imperil our future. It must put our economy back on track by lowering both our interest rate and the dollar.

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YUGOSLAVIA

Mr. Terry Clifford (London—Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, the world is watching in horror as the Yugoslavian army decimates the people of Croatia.

The world cannot and must not stand by as witnesses of the destruction of a people. Canada and the world must act now. In March of this year as chairman of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association, I tabled a report calling for United Nations involvement in Yugoslavia.

I am pleased to see our Prime Minister taking action at the UN Security Council offering the use of Canadian soldiers as peacekeepers. This decisive leadership is certainly applauded.

The people of Croatia have democratically determined their future as an independent nation. I call upon the

Government of Canada to recognize this fact and act immediately.

We must not fail our friends in Croatia. Let peace descend upon that troubled nation.

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JUSTICE

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, the Supreme Court decision was split four to three when it decided to allow the extradition of Joseph Kindler and Charles Ng.

Supreme Court judges Cory, Sopinka and Lamer in their dissent wrote: "Canada has the obligation not to extradite a person to face a cruel and unusual treatment or punishment—To surrender a fugitive who may be subject to the death penalty violates section 12 of the charter just as surely as would the execution of the fugitive in Canada".

It follows that the minister must not surrender the appellant without obtaining the undertaking described in Article 6 of the treaty which simply requires the requesting state to undertake that it will substitute a penalty of life imprisonment for the execution of the prisoner if that prisoner is found to be guilty of the crime. The Minister of Justice did not even ask the United States to give such assurances.

"To refuse to seek such assurances is to give an official blessing to the death penalty despite the fact that Canadian public policy stands firmly opposed to its use." wrote Mr. Justice Sopinka, while Mr. Justice Cory called capital punishment the "ultimate desecration of human dignity."

These words are an indictment of the minister's action.

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AGRICULTURE

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton Southeast): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. This weekend, Canadians will celebrate Thanksgiving, a holiday that traditionally highlights the valuable contribution made by our farmers, their contribution to our national identity and sovereignty.