

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING RELEASE BY RUSSIA OF
VALENTYN MOROZ AND SVIATOSLAV KARAVANSKYI

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the Ukrainian population of Canada is still celebrating the 53rd anniversary of the proclamation of independence of the Ukrainian national republic, and in view of the fact that many Ukrainians were illegally sentenced to concentration camps in Soviet Russia for exposing terror, racism, intellectual and cultural persecution and injustice against Ukrainians and other minorities in the U.S.S.R., would the Prime Minister inquire when he meets with Kosygin, Brezhnev and Podgorny about the release of Valentyn Moroz and Sviatoslav Karavanskyi who have been sentenced for acts of conscience which are described and guaranteed by the United Nations declarations as basic human rights?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member would give me the names in writing I will consider making representations.

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FORWARD BARLEY SALES—USE OF FUTURES MARKET

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. Is the Canadian Wheat Board making forward barley sales commitments for the crop year 1971-72 and, if so, is the Board using the futures market for this?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the board is indeed making some forward sales, but I do not think it would be in order for me to comment further on their technique or style of selling.

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THE BUDGET

SUGGESTED WITHDRAWAL—COMPLETION OF DEBATE

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the President of the Privy Council in his capacity as Government House Leader. In view of the expressed desire of the Minister of Finance to get rid of the last budget, which in the main includes a continuation of the 3 per cent surtax, will the Government House Leader now be asking unanimous consent to remove the budget from the order paper and thus get rid of it in that way?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Brandon-Souris.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am not sure whether a supplementary should be allowed. The hon. member for Win-

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nipeg North Centre might have a different question to ask.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, if the minister is not prepared to meet the request of the Minister of Finance to get rid of the budget, when will he bring it forward for further debate?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, there are a number of other items that I should like to get rid of before the budget if I could set priorities, but I will give the House an opportunity to spend two days on the budget later this month.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Since we have not much more than ten minutes left, I wonder whether I could suggest to hon. members that we try to limit supplementaries.

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COMMUNICATIONS

MEMINI SATELLITE PROJECT—INVOLVEMENT OF FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN QUEBEC
AND FRANCE

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and it arises from the recent announcement of the government of Quebec that it is involved with the government of France in that country's telecommunications satellite project Memini. Can the hon. gentleman advise the House whether the Canadian government has been officially informed of the matter, and is it involved in discussions on this international project?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, it is my recollection that I did answer this question quite recently. If not, I will undertake to get an answer for my hon. friend, but I think I answered an identical question two or three weeks ago.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

PROJECTED TAKEOVER OF HOME OIL BY UNITED STATES
COMPANY—EFFECT ON TRANS-CANADA PIPE LINES

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources whether, following his reported meeting with an executive of the Home Oil company today, he has anything further to report beyond what he said yesterday?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, there is nothing further to report. Discussions are continuing. We will continue to make every effort to assure the continuation of the Home Oil company as a Canadian company. There is nothing specific to report except that we have had further meetings and those meetings are continuing.