

Oral Questions

any serious effect on regional development. Has any word been received from the premiers of the Atlantic provinces as to the impact of this program and loss of employment this fall? In particular, has the minister any plans to announce with regard to the very serious unemployment problem which is, presumably, resulting in the Atlantic and the Pacific regions?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I will try to be brief. This is a rather complex question. I have not heard from the premiers concerned but I have heard from a number of ministers in the provinces. I will have to check the record to see just which ones they were. At present my department is consulting with the Department of the Environment. Early assessment indicates we can provide some additional funds during the 90-day study period so that orders in the shipyards will not go down during that time. I know we are quite well advanced in negotiations with Newfoundland; I will have to check to see where they stand with regard to the other Atlantic provinces. I believe suitable arrangements can be worked out jointly between DREE and the Department of the Environment.

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AGRICULTURE**REQUEST THAT PRESENT INTEREST RATE ON FARM CREDIT LOANS BE MAINTAINED**

Mr. William C. Frank (Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Agriculture. Because of the fact that all members of the House are interested in encouraging farmers to stay in production and as a particular means of encouragement to young farmers, can the minister assure the House that the 7 per cent interest rate on farm credit loans will be maintained as at least one way for farmers to hold down the cost of production?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, we are reviewing the whole subject of interest on farm credit loans. We have maintained a 7 per cent interest rate on farm credit loans while other interest rates have increased. This shows our concern for farmers, particularly young farmers. Our concern will continue to be in that form.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CHANGES IN FRENCH NETWORK**

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. In answer to the hon. member for Témiscamingue the Prime Minister referred to changes that had occurred in the French language network of the CBC. Will the Prime Minister table in the House a list of the changes the government has ordered or otherwise caused to be taken within the CBC French language network in the period referred to in the previous exchange?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there may have been a misunderstanding, perhaps because of the translation. I did not indicate that the government had suggested or demanded any changes. I indicated that my impression from various people who talked about the kind of complaint the hon. member for Témiscamingue raised was that although the CBC, French side, is by no means perfect it is no longer as strong a vehicle of separatism as it was four or five years ago.

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): Will the Prime Minister ascertain whether in fact any changes were brought about by the activity, indirectly or otherwise, of the government and, if so, will he table a report in the House specifying those changes?

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**CHILE—DEATH OF PRESIDENT—SUGGESTED EXPRESSION OF REGRET OF HOUSE**

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, will the Secretary of State for External Affairs convey the regret felt by the overwhelming majority of members of the House because of the tragic death of the democratically elected President of Chile, and its fervent hope for the early return of democratic government in Chile?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, in expressing those words I am sure the hon. member has expressed the view of members of this House. As Secretary of State for External Affairs I will be extending sympathy to the people of Chile on the death of their president and, of course, my condolences to the family. All of us, I am sure, express the hope that democratic institutions will be restored to Chile without delay.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**REQUEST THAT MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the President of the Treasury Board. Treasury Board has now made available a two-volume manual, four inches thick, entitled "The Manual of the Official Languages Administrative System", which is available to all departments in the public service. This manual sets out how the federal government's bilingual resolution is to be implemented. Will Treasury Board kindly make available to members of the House copies of this manual so that members can see how Treasury Board is interpreting this resolution?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): I will be glad to, Mr. Speaker.