

Oral Questions

attention of hon. members the presence in our gallery of a very distinguished visitor. I refer to General Alexander M. Haig Jr. who has just recently assumed the position of Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: If it can be taken as a good omen that the presence of the General in the gallery happens to coincide with an unofficial distinguished ambassador of good will on behalf of Canada, so be it. I refer of course to the happy presence beside the general of Miss Karen Magnussen.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**DECLINE IN REAL DOMESTIC PRODUCT—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON INTRODUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVES**

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker—

An hon. Member: Here we go.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: The rumbling among the rabble shows a very natural fear of my question.

My question is directed to the Prime Minister. The real domestic product declined in Canada at an annual rate during January of 23 per cent—a truly shocking decline—following a steady decrease during the previous nine months. In view of these figures, I should like to ask the Prime Minister if the government has come to the realization that new industrial incentives must be introduced without further delay to restore the economy to a satisfactory pace and, if so, when will they be announced?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): In the usual way, at the usual time, Mr. Speaker, if they do happen.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I always wait until the applause dies down but I have a supplementary question. Judging by the quality of the Prime Minister's non-answer, is it not obvious that in the business of laying eggs the Minister of Agriculture has a serious competitor in the Prime Minister?

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IMMIGRATION**ACCEPTABILITY OF ALLEGED BEHAVIOUR OF TED PATRICK—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON POSSIBLE CRIMINAL RECORD IN THE UNITED STATES**

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It concerns the case of Miss Debbie Dudgeon, a 21-year old Orangeville lady who

[Mr. Speaker.]

claims to have been held against her will by Ted Patrick who is also known as "Black Lightning" and who she claims attempted to deprogram her from her belief in Roman Catholicism. In view of the fact that Mr. Patrick is an American who is alleged to have been involved in four similar cases in southern Ontario, has the minister investigated this and if so, is he satisfied that Mr. Patrick's behaviour is acceptable to the government of Canada?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for drawing this to my attention. I will take the question as notice.

Mr. Beatty: A supplementary question. While the minister is investigating this would he undertake to report back to the House whether Mr. Patrick has been convicted of any crimes relating to this sort of behaviour in the United States before coming to Canada, and secondly, whether he had secured a working permit from the Canadian government which would allow him to receive money for his activity in Canada prior to his involvement in this Orangeville case?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, I will take that as notice also.

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ENERGY**PROPOSED PIPELINE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND UNITED STATES—REQUEST FOR DETAILS**

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the fact that Canadian and United States energy officials are reported to have completed an agreement for the transportation of natural gas and oil through pipelines in each other's territories, can the minister elaborate for the House what main items have been agreed upon?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the premise of the hon. member's question is not quite correct. No agreement has been reached. There have been two sets of negotiating meetings between representatives of the two countries with respect to a general pipeline treaty of the kind the Prime Minister referred to in his December, 1973 statement. In effect, the purpose of the treaty would be to guarantee the passage of hydrocarbons across each other's territory, moving from one country to the other.

Mr. Gillies: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In those discussions is consideration being given to a requirement that both countries comply to each other's standards with respect to ecology and environmental protection in these operations?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, each country which is to be host to a pipeline would, of course, have to determine its own environmental standards for that particular pipeline. In other words, if there is a further expansion of the Interprovincial Pipeline through the U.S. that will be governed by the standards in the relevant states of the United States and the U.S. federal government. In that