

**INCREASE IN CANADIAN OIL PRODUCTION TO MEET
GREATER PROPORTION OF DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): A supplementary question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the crude oil price increases in the Middle East and Venezuela, and the increased crude requirements in Canada amounting to 7 per cent, will a policy be developed to increase the amount of Canadian production to meet increased domestic requirements to a greater extent in view of the fact that foreign imports are to increase by 12 times as much as the Canadian production increase will be?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, Canadian production and sales have been increasing at a very rapid pace. Last year there was something like a 20 per cent increase in our exports over previous years. I feel sure that all these economic factors such as the increase in price and a higher price for offshore crude will tend toward an even greater productivity and production on the Canadian scene.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize one last supplementary.

Mr. Nysirom: I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the public statement by the National Energy Board to the effect that we should be increasing our refinery capacity in Canada as well as for security of supply in eastern Canada, will the minister now give the National Energy Board power to rule over exports of oil?

Mr. Greene: Mr. Speaker, I do not think the two questions are properly related. The National Energy Board and the government have continually attempted to encourage a greater refining capacity in Ontario which is essential to the national energy policy and the national oil policy. Unfortunately, contrary to pronouncements made by the New Democratic Party, refining in Ontario is not a highly profitable matter.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

**HOME OIL COMPANY—DISPOSAL OF SHARES BY ROBERT
BROWN—FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in connection with Robert Brown of Home Oil Company. Is the minister in a position to advise whether Mr. Brown has been able to dispose of his shares in Canada to Canadians? If not, what further negotiations have taken place in the past week or so between the minister, his department and Mr. Brown relative to the sale of shares outside of Canada?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to report that the Home Oil Company is still Canadian. If the government's intervention played some part in that result, I am even happier to announce that fact.

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Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Greene: I am instructed that negotiations are still taking place. I have not been privy to these, nor have I taken part in them since my indication to the House that we had broken off direct negotiations for the public purchase of Mr. Brown's shares in Cygnus Corporation.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I am interested in the minister making reference to the illusory government intervention for which the minister gives himself a pat on the back. I ask if any step has been taken by the minister or those associated with him which would prevent Mr. Brown selling his shares outside of Canada.

Mr. Greene: As I previously indicated, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Brown has indicated to us that he is fully aware of the government's desire that Home Oil remain Canadian. I am confident that in his negotiations he is attempting to achieve this end. If a pat on the back is deserved for this result, I will be very pleased to receive same from the right hon. gentleman.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, there is nothing as immodest as self-praise. As the minister is so interested in what is being done, will he advise when was the last communication with Mr. Brown in connection with this matter?

Mr. Greene: Mr. Speaker, the last communication with Mr. Brown was when I last reported to the House, at which time Mr. Brown indicated—as I indicated to the House—that he was going to pursue his attempts to find a Canadian buyer for his shares in Cygnus Corporation.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Has the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources indicated or has caused to be indicated to Mr. Brown that he would not be free to sell his shares abroad?

Mr. Greene: As I indicated to the House at the time of the negotiations, Mr. Speaker, these negotiations were carried out in good faith and in confidence between the parties. Until the matter is completely resolved, I think that confidence should be maintained by me.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

**USE OF PROGRAM "SESAME STREET", IN LIGHT OF RULING
BY CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION COMMISSION**

Mr. Paul St. Pierre (Coast Chilcotin): My question is for the Secretary of State, arising out of an earlier announcement concerning the CBC. Can the minister advise the House whether the CBC has been caught up in the tide of public sentiment in favour of the program "Sesame Street", or is that program to be dropped in accordance with the Canadian content rule?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I can at last say that the program "Sesame Street" will be back on the CBC English television network next season.