

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

one. On January 27—not January 29—he directed the following question to the Right Honourable Prime Minister:

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the first minister. Has the right hon. gentleman received a written complaint from the retired coal miners pensioners union at Sydney Mines regarding the manner in which benefits are being paid?

[*Translation*]

He was quite sincere when he put that question. All right. And then on the 29th, referring to the same question, he said, and I quote:

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister and concerns the method used by the Cape Breton Development Corporation to compensate retired coal miners. Further to the question posed to the Prime Minister on Tuesday of this week—

That would be the 27th.

—asking for an investigation into the whole matter in view of the continuing protests from the unions concerned and in view of the fact that the Prime Minister took my question as notice—

So the hon. gentleman was referring to the question he posed on the 27th concerning the retired coal miners.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Read on. The next page.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I can read on if you wish.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Page 2964.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): It goes on:

—in view of the continuing protests from the unions concerned and in view of the fact that the Prime Minister took my question as notice, may I ask the right hon. gentleman if he is in a position to shed any further light on this subject?

Does the hon. member wish me to read on further?

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. If the minister would look, he would find that on the next page I referred to the local union of the CB of RT, and the minister did not reply.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I did not reply. How then, could I have referred to local 510, if I did not reply? This is the whole point at

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issue. I did not reply to that. I was referring to this union of retired pensioners, that is all.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Continued telegrams and communications!

[*Translation*]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Now, Mr. Speaker, the other union was never referred to, that is local unit 510. It was rather the retired employees union that was mentioned—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Portneuf.

[*English*]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): You lose your time. You lose everybody's time for no purpose at all.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): You are too hotheaded. Why don't you grow up?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. The hon. member for Portneuf has the floor.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Be careful of your blood-pressure.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): The hon. member for Portneuf.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY—INFLATION—
ALLEVIATION OF FISCAL BURDEN

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, on Friday, February 13th I asked the following question: In view of the recent reduction in the so-called "Vietnamese" tax by the government of the United States for the purpose of assisting consumers in the present economic recession, could the Right Hon. Prime Minister tell us if he intends taking similar action?

[*Translation*]

If so, for which tax can the Canadians expect a reduction?

The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) said not a word. However, in the light of a statement he made on Monday the 9th of February, to launch the national conference on price stabilization, I think we might get an affirmative answer in a few minutes.

In the few moments I have left, I shall say to the Prime Minister that while he tried to hoodwink Canadians, the results have run counter to his expectations. Indeed, the people are not asleep. They are more awoken than