Oral Questions

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING RIGHTS TO BROADCAST WORLD SOCCER GAMES

Mr. Chas L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, this is a question on a more mundane subject directed to the Secretary of State. In recognition of the keen interest in soccer by people throughout Canada will the minister urge the CBC to make a serious bid to acquire the broadcasting rights for the world soccer games scheduled for next year?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, on that very important subject I can assure the hon, member that the CBC intends to do just that.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

PACKAGING AND LABELLING—DATE OF PROCLAMATION OF REGULATIONS—AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT REGULATIONS TO FOOD PRICES COMMITTEE

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the fact that the Committee on Trends in Food Prices has today started drafting its report to parliament, which has to be presented before the end of the month, and in view of the fact that the Packaging and Labelling Act was passed by the House some two years ago, would the minister now tell the House when the regulations with regard to the Packaging and Labelling Act will be proclaimed? More particularly, will the minister make these regulations or draft regulations available to the Committee on Trends in Food Prices in order to assist it in preparing its first report?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, with reference to the second part of the hon. member's question, I would be happy to discuss the matter of the feasibility of this with members of the committee. With respect to the first part of the question, I expect that the draft regulations will be published in the Canada Gazette within the next few months.

An hon. Member: Good grief!

FLOODS

LAKES ERIE AND ONTARIO—POSSIBLE USE OF ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL TO PROTECT PROPERTY

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Peel South): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to the Minister of National Defence. Is the minister prepared to send members of the armed forces to constituencies and municipalities along Lake Ontario and Lake Erie and use the department's equipment and men to protect public and private property in the flooding conditions that are presently taking place?

Mr. Bell: Yes, if they are Liberal.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): The answer, Mr. Speaker, is yes, but I have also said to the House on previous occasions that this is under the co-ordination of my colleague, the Minister of the Environment, and also that we act at the request of the provinces. We are in very close communication with the Emergency Measures Organization of the province of Ontario and are ready to be of any assistance that they request.

TRADE

POSSIBLE PRESSURE ON UNITED STATES SUBSIDIARIES IN CANADA TO INHIBIT EXPORTS—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, perhaps I could direct my question to the Prime Minister. With the export of Canadian end products declining on a constant dollar basis to countries of the world other than the United States, and in view of the claim by a representative of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association that many Canadian exporters that are United States subsidiaries have been constrained by their parents to sell only through an American export concern, would the minister conduct an inquiry into such falling exports and find out if, in fact, branch plants in Canada are being inhibited from pursuing export opportunities?

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Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, as acting minister, in the absence of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce who is away on government business I will be glad to take notice of the question and bring the hon. member's representation to his attention.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM—POSSIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION DISCHARGING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether it is his position that the ICCS has a reasonable chance of being able to discharge its original responsibility, that of effectively supervising the ceasefire?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I do not think I need to add anything to what I said in my statement.

Mr. Stanfield: You do. That point was not clear.

Mr. Sharp: I have been pessimistic about the ICCS for quite some time and have expressed serious misgivings, as would anyone who had gone there to see for himself.