

additional movement is possible, but it is true that, under this arrangement, when a smaller amount of grain is moving Prince Rupert tends to suffer first.

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HEALTH

PRESENCE OF DES IN UNITED STATES CATTLE IMPORTED INTO CANADA

Mr. J. R. Holmes (Lambton-Kent): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare which is related to the present illogical situation with respect to the use of DES—diethylstilbestrol. In view of the fact that DES has been banned from use for finishing cattle in Canada, and in view of the fact cattle finished with DES are in fact entering Canada, will the minister immediately recommend that an embargo be placed on all livestock and livestock products from countries where DES is allowed?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I submit that my hon. friend is misinformed. To the best of my knowledge, no United States meat treated with DES is entering Canada now.

Mr. Holmes: That answer is really not very reassuring, because cattle are now entering Canada finished with DES. Can the minister assure the House and the Canadian people that he has in fact established a program to inspect all imports of livestock and livestock products from those countries permitting the use of DES, and can he assure the House and the Canadian people that such a program will prevent the entry of DES contaminated livestock and livestock products into Canada?

[Translation]

Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Speaker, I already told this House we are consulting with American government representatives and with the Minister of Agriculture so as to establish regulations that will prevent the importation of DES meat products.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

INCREASE IN PRICE OF BREAD—NEGOTIATIONS WITH WESTON BAKERIES

Mr. Jean-Marie Boisvert (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

As a result of his differences with the bread industry, can he report how his campaign for the boycott of Weston bread is going on?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I made a suggestion to that effect when it was possible that Weston Bakeries Limited would increase their bread by 4 cents, but at my request they did not do so. It was then unnecessary to follow that suggestion.

Oral Questions

[English]

MULTICULTURALISM

ALLEGED GIVING OF ADVERTISING CONTRACT TO NEW CANADIAN PUBLICATIONS OF MONTREAL WITHOUT TENDER

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister responsible for multiculturalism. Can the minister tell the House whether New Canadian Publications of Montreal was given without tender an advertising contract to place government advertisements in the ethnic press, and whether the minister's acquaintance, Stan Martin, who I believe is now executive assistant to the minister has now or has had in the past any financial or familial connection with this firm?

Hon. Stanley Haidasz (Minister of State): Mr. Speaker, Mr. Martin is no longer an acting executive assistant in my office as of February 28 last, and the advertising program for multiculturalism was given to another firm.

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INDUSTRY

COPPER—PRICE INCREASE BY NORANDA—REPRESENTATIONS TO SECURE ROLL-BACK IN VIEW OF PROFIT POSITION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the announcement yesterday by Noranda Mines that it has increased the price of copper both for use in Canada and for export, and bearing in mind that Noranda Mines has had a 75 per cent increase in profits already this year, will the minister say whether it is the intention of his department to contact this company and demand that it immediately roll back the price increase on copper in this country?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I think this question would come more properly under the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, but I will be pleased to discuss this with the minister.

COPPER—SUGGESTED IMPOSITION OF PRICE CONTROLS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact the minister is not here I should like to direct my supplementary question to the Prime Minister. Keeping in mind the increase in the price of copper and the 75 per cent increase in profits by Noranda, I should like to ask whether it is the intention of the government to impose selective price controls on copper used in this country, particularly in view of the fact that 54 per cent of the production is used here domestically, and this would be of great help to the consumer?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would like to look into the matter before giving a reply. I missed the previous exchange, but the hon. member is no doubt aware that there have been cases in the past where the federal government, through the then