

*Oral Questions*

someone who can handle this? And second, could the Minister explain to the House why the work on *Cariboo II* has not started yet at the Lauzon yard, and why work on the TRUMP program has yet to begin at the Sorel and Montreal yards?

**Hon. Michel Côté (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, again, I fail to understand the Hon. Member's attitude. First of all, Mr. Speaker, he has been shouting for months that the Government should award contracts to Quebec shipyards. The Government did so. The yards are operating—

**Mr. Malépart:** Operating?

**Mr. Côté (Langelier):** Yes, the yards are in operation at this time, Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Malépart:** Who is working there?

**Mr. Côté (Langelier):** —and I repeat, it is up to Marine Industries to decide how it wants to schedule production, not the Government of Canada. So once again, Mr. Speaker, the Government has acted while Opposition Members were complaining.

**Mr. Malépart:** It did nothing of the sort. We have five thousand workers who are idle.

[*English*]

**Mr. Speaker:** I draw to the attention of the House that Question Period will shortly be coming to an end. We were delayed because of the tribute.

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[*Translation*]

**CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION**

## CLOVERDALE PARK—REQUEST FOR INQUIRY

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister responsible for CMHC and has to do with the Cloverdale Park affair. Will there be a public or judicial inquiry concerning this suspicious sale? What is the Minister doing to protect tenants, especially those who need low rental accommodation?

[*English*]

**Hon. Stewart McInnes (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, the problem is a matter of concern. I went to Montreal to meet with all of the citizens' representatives. I heard their representations. As a result of that and our own investigation we have instructed our solicitors to commence court action to right what we consider are many wrongs. The outcome is obviously unknown.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Broadview—Greenwood, a short question.

[*Translation*]

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT HALT TRANSACTIONS NOT IN PUBLIC INTEREST

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the Minister for taking action. Will the Minister undertake to examine this whole question of sales of housing units to so-called non-profit companies, which in fact are profit-oriented companies, or to co-operatives which are not genuine co-operatives? Will he halt all these transactions which are not in the public interest?

[*English*]

**Hon. Stewart McInnes (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member's questions are appropriate and of concern to us. That is the reason we are taking action. We want to find out what has gone on in the past few years. Without that information we cannot make an appropriate decision. Hopefully the court will approve our request, give us access to the books, and then we can make an appropriate decision.

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**CANADIAN ARMED FORCES**

## ROLE PLAYED BY HELICOPTER PILOT IN RESCUING RUSSIAN SAILORS

**Mr. Bob Hicks (Scarborough East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. Can the Minister clarify for the House the circumstances of the rescue of 37 Soviet sailors off the coast of New Jersey and, most particularly, the role played by Captain Hardy, a Canadian Forces pilot?

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, Captain Rick Hardy, a native of Prince Edward Island, is on exchange at the present time with the U.S. Coastguard. When the Soviet ship capsized, Captain Hardy, at great risk to his own life, was able to save some 16 Soviet sailors. That action has been recognized by the President of the United States and this will be the second commendation received by Captain Hardy while on exchange. It is an example of the dedicated service given by so many people in the Canadian Forces.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Windsor West, one question, please.