

*Oral Questions*

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** The judgment on its newsworthiness was made by the some 1,400 American television stations that used the footage, therefore bringing attention to Canada, therefore helping Canada to increase a consciousness of Canada, the kind of consciousness that is very necessary if we want to resist countervail actions on our timber, if we want to prevent the kinds of actions that were taken on shakes and shingles, if we want to maintain a strong Canadian—

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

**Mr. Blackburn (Brant):** Joe for President!

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**REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION****NEWSPAPER REPORT OF PROPOSAL TO BUILD ARMAMENTS PLANT IN CAPE BRETON**

**Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I was concerned to read an article in *The Globe and Mail* today which suggests that the Government is reconsidering the Thyssen proposal to build a plant in Cape Breton to build armoured personnel carriers, including tanks, for export to countries in the Middle East. Is the Government actively reconsidering that proposal by Thyssen?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, no.

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**AGRICULTURE****THREAT OF U.S. BARLEY SALES TO ISRAEL**

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for the Canadian Wheat Board or for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I regret to inform the House of some bad news. The United States has just targeted Israel under its export enhancement program for the sale of 200,000 tons of barley. That represents our annual sale to Israel. I wish to ask either of the Ministers whether or not the Government is now considering any special action in order to counteract this American initiative on a country-by-country basis? As Hon. Members know, this will totally devastate our grain producers in western Canada.

**Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of State (Canadian Wheat Board)):** Mr. Speaker, we have been aware of the BICEP program. It has been in effect since June of 1985. The success that the Americans have had in terms of increasing the sale has not been effective. Hon. Members should know that this type of thing will not devastate western Canada in terms of

sales. The big problem is with respect to prices. The Hon. Member should know that we are selling wheat at the same record clip that we have been for the last two years. Sales are there. The big problem we have is with prices.

**Mr. de Jong:** That's not going to sell back home, Charlie.

**Mr. Mayer:** We have discussed that many times in the House.

## CANADIAN POSITION

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville):** Mr. Speaker, is the Minister aware that the United States has just targeted Israel for 200,000 tons of barley per year, a traditional Canadian market, and that it is now talking about increasing its sales to Saudi Arabia from 100,000 tons to one million tons per year? Is the Minister aware of that? If he is aware of it can we expect any concrete action to counteract it on a country-by-country basis? It is an important question.

**Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of State (Canadian Wheat Board)):** Mr. Speaker, the one correct statement which the Hon. Member has made is that it is an important question. We are aware of that. The Hon. Member should know that Canada has taken the lead in raising the agricultural trade subsidy issue internationally. The Prime Minister raised it in Tokyo. We have to give him credit for that. We managed to convince the major exporting countries to hold a meeting recently on the West Coast. I think there were some results there. We are aware that in addressing it we should address it in what I think is the best forum possible and that is the international forum. With everyone's co-operation, we will be able to address it globally at the next GATT round.

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[Translation]

**TRANSPORT****CANADIAN COAST GUARD NAVIGATION SERVICES' COSTS**

**Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister I will direct my question to the Minister of Transport.

Does the Minister of Transport know that yesterday all participants in the Montreal economic summit, without exception, voiced their opposition to Bill C-75 and, considering all these views against clause 4, is the Minister now prepared to delete that clause from Bill C-75 for the time being?

● (1450)

[English]

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member knows that a number of safeguards have been put into this particular clause, a clause which I know has generated some controversy but one which I