

Oral Questions

could be made available to a Privy Councillor on the opposition side to ascertain whether there are justified grounds for the refusal.

Mr. Cullen: As Harry Truman once said, the buck stops here. I take my responsibility seriously. I am satisfied that I have made the right decision. I am satisfied with my sources of information but I feel that I have to protect them. We are dealing with a matter of national security. I am satisfied that the decision I have made is correct. Today, I am meeting with representatives of the Canadian Association of University Teachers to hear their representation. I am not cutting out any representations from hon. members opposite or from this side, but in the final analysis I have to make a decision in the interests of security. I have made it, and I am satisfied that it is correct. I am also satisfied that the said professor knows why he is not coming into this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

REQUEST FOR NAMES OF COUNTRIES WHICH ALLEGEDLY DO NOT HONOUR THEIR COMMITMENTS—ATTITUDE TOWARDS AID TO INDONESIA

Mr. Douglas Roche (Edmonton-Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Now that the budget of the Canadian International Development Agency has been increased to \$1.1 billion, has the minister investigated the Auditor General's statement with respect to CIDA that, and I quote: "Certain countries do not honour their commitments", and can the minister tell the House what countries are involved and what corrective action has been taken?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am in the process at the moment of setting up a full scale discussion and examination of questions regarding CIDA, in which the one the hon. member has posed will be very prominent. However, I do not have a definitive answer for him today, nor can I name the countries involved, but I will do so at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Roche: I wish to express the hope that the minister will make that statement at the earliest opportunity in order to sustain public support for the whole operation of CIDA. Is it the intention of the government to maintain a high level of aid to Indonesia, which is now at \$37 million a year, without ever once publicly protesting the violation of human rights in that country, where 35,000 political prisoners are being held without trial?

● (1150)

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, once again I should like to take the question as notice and examine the details of our aid to Indonesia. I think the hon. member, probably better than

[Miss MacDonald.]

anyone in the House, knows that the basic position we adopt with regard to international aid is that it is aimed at the ordinary and very poor people of a country. It is questionable whether we should seek to tie our aid to any kind of ideological questions or anything of that nature. The question is extremely complex. I want to give the hon. member a full answer and I would ask him to have patience until I examine it in detail and then I will do so.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

ALLEGATION CORPORATION UNFAIR IN REPORTING DEBATE BETWEEN SEPARATISTS AND FEDERALISTS—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Acting Prime Minister but he seems to be wandering around like a lost soul in purgatory this morning. I therefore direct the question to the Minister of Finance, the next senior minister. My question concerns the taping yesterday of a program for the Global television network in which eight cabinet ministers participated, in which it is reported that four of the cabinet ministers attacked the CBC for its lack of fairness—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): —in the debate between federalism and separatism. The Secretary of State said that he is anxious that the CBC resolve the issue of objectivity and balance. The government leader in the Senate said that "if it doesn't fulfil that mandate, then we parliamentarians must be prepared to take action." The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce went further and said, speaking of federalism—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member ought perhaps to put his question without further preamble.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I do not want to accuse the ministers of attacking the CBC unless I quote them. May I just quote one more briefly? The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce said of federalism, "I am speaking freely about it, if I were on the CBC it would not be carried." These are very serious allegations.

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): I want to ask the government if it considers that the CBC is not giving a fair and balanced view—

Mr. Lalonde: Have you watched it?

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): —of the debate between federalism and separatism, does it not have the responsibility either to change the management of CBC or to defend a publicly owned broadcasting corporation?