

*Oral Questions***HOUSING****NON-PROFIT, CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING PROGRAM**

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Co-operative housing organizations have made representations to him indicating their belief that his proposals regarding non-profit and co-operative housing for the next year are unworkable. The existing program will come to an end by July 1. They propose continuation of the present programs while discussions are continued.

Has the minister considered these representations by co-operative housing organizations? If so, what was his response? Will he arrange to meet with these organizations and discuss these questions, as they have requested?

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have been in contact with these organizations. Officials of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation are to meet with these people. They have done so already, and will do so next week. The assumption is wrong. Basically, the aims of the program are to make the non-profit program even more attractive to users, to penetrate more deeply down the income range and to provide for an income mix in projects. I believe the assumptions of these people are wrong. We will attempt to study with them some adjustment to meet some of their concerns. By and large, the aims of the program should meet their objectives.

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, the minister did not indicate whether he would be prepared to meet with these organizations. The minister said in his earlier statements, and again today, that he would like to get away from the past system of large-scale public housing projects and integrate low income families into other developments such as co-operative and non-profit housing. Can the minister explain how he expects the non-profit sector to accommodate low income families when he proposes to take away rent supplement payments which have made this kind of mixing possible in the past?

Mr. Ouellet: Mr. Speaker, it is quite to the contrary. We do not want to do away with rent supplements; indeed, we want to expand them. One of the proposals made to the provinces was to expand this section of the program. I do not know where they got this impression from, but it is a wrong reading of the tentative program. In fact, we do not want to do away with rent supplements; we want to increase them.

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**REINSTATEMENT OF DEATH PENALTY FOR TERRORISTS**

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. Recently, in Toronto, the Minister of National Defence stated that the death penalty should be restored for terrorists. He also cited the assassination of former Italian premier Aldo Moro as a

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classic example of why terrorists should be executed. Of course, we have seen terrorists in action in Zaire, France, Turkey, etc.

Is the government planning to restore the death penalty for terrorists, as a warning to terrorists not to start in Canada and also as a warning to keep them away from Canada?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether the Minister of National Defence is quoted correctly in the question.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): He is.

Mr. Basford: In the last round of Criminal Code amendments, and in the current ones, there are a number of measures designed to deal with terrorist threats. Fortunately, in this country we have not had instances of that occurring to any large degree.

Mr. Gillies: Oh, come on. Have you never heard of the FLQ?

Mr. Basford: Certainly, we have not had the experience of other countries. It is not the intention to amend the law in the manner indicated by the question.

CABINET DISCUSSION ON REINSTATEMENT OF DEATH PENALTY FOR TERRORISTS

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. He said that he had not discussed this with his cabinet colleagues. I ask him, has he discussed it in cabinet? Does he intend to pursue this matter in cabinet and call for the restoration of capital punishment for terrorists?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker. I think the report indicated that I was making this recommendation, if that is the way the question was put. It was not a recommendation; it was speculating on the things one could do to reduce terrorism.

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When one looks at the situation in recent months, where most terrorist activities have been directed to the release of terrorists who are incarcerated, one must consider the alternatives to reduce terrorism which is aimed at the structures of our society and our democratic way of life.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE**LOCATION OF INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON IN NEWFOUNDLAND**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. The Chief of the Defence Staff indicated during the estimates of the department that there could be a change in location because of the operating capability of the new fighter interceptors under consideration for purchase, the range being shorter than the present interceptor, the Voodoo.