

of profits, earned from Canadian resources, away from Canada to other lands?

Mr. Clark: Look who is talking about "stopping shifts".

Mr. Crombie: Ed was at your rally, Pierre.

Mr. Trudeau: Madam Speaker, I must point out to the Leader of the NDP that his comment on wage and price controls is completely irrelevant in this context. He will remember that the Supreme Court was appealed to judge whether this imposition of wage and price controls was permissible under the emergency powers of the constitution. I have not heard anybody, not even the Leader of the NDP suggest that this was a question of national emergency because some companies were making profits, and too large profits.

Mr. Rae: Why is it that only wages go up when there is an emergency?

Mr. McGrath: Don't interrupt your leader.

Mr. Trudeau: Madam Speaker, if the hon. member for Broadview has a supplementary, I will be happy to instruct him on the course of the law too if he can—

An hon. Member: Send him a letter.

Mr. Trudeau: I am prepared to meet him in my office if he needs a little law.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. McGrath: How about Wednesday morning in caucus?

Mr. Trudeau: As to the government's approach to these large profits which I discussed in Sault Ste. Marie during the election campaign, I am afraid that close as we are, the Leader of the NDP will have to wait until budget night to know how we are dealing with this problem.

Mr. Broadbent: Madam Speaker, I would remind the Prime Minister that the Supreme Court decision did, in fact, refer to a bill that pertained to profit control, which is what I am talking about, but the Prime Minister has made it very clear that he is only interested in wage control and not interested at all in profit control.

As a final supplementary question, since the government is now moving toward patriating the constitution, a course of action that this party supports—

An hon. Member: You sure do.

Mr. Broadbent:—given that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources admitted in a speech, appropriately given to the American Stock Exchange last month, that because of foreign ownership in the oil industry there was a net outflow of more than \$2 billion in Canada in the last four years alone, when will the government have the courage to patriate not only our constitution but our oil by bringing Imperial, Texaco and Shell

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under public ownership, so that all Canadians can share the benefit of their own resources?

Mr. Trudeau: Madam Speaker, lest the hon. member think he has the last word on the constitutional problem of controls, I would point out to him that there was indeed no control on profits; there was a control on wages and on prices.

An hon. Member: Exactly.

Mr. Broadbent: And profit margins.

Mr. Crombie: Hold it fellows, you will get him mad.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: Everyone knows that even that was the subject of long debate and contestation by several provinces before the supreme courts.

On the substance of the question, I understand the NDP to be urging on this government massive expropriation of oil companies—

An hon. Member: No.

Mr. Broadbent: Just a little control.

Mr. Trudeau: They name three very large oil companies and call it just a little bit of control, but they would like the government to take over ownership.

Mr. Broadbent: Right.

Mr. Trudeau: I would point out to the Leader of the New Democratic Party that this we cannot do at this time.

Mr. Broadbent: Why not?

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THE CONSTITUTION

OWNERSHIP OF RESOURCES—MEETING OF PRIME MINISTER AND LEADER OF NDP

Mr. Bill McKnight (Kindersley-Lloydminster): Madam Speaker, we know that the Leader of the NDP does not speak for the Premier of the province of Saskatchewan or his caucus, but I assume he spoke for the Liberal party in Canada.

I have a question for the Prime Minister. In light of the exchange of letters between the Prime Minister and his Oshawa lieutenant, could he confirm or deny that in the give-away of natural resources from the provinces to the federal government, the drafting of that amendment was done at the 90-minute meeting that was held between he and the hon. member for Oshawa on October 1?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, if the hon. member were at all interested in constitutional matters he would see that the substance of my reply to