

## THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

### GOVERNMENT REACTION TO PROPOSAL OF MANITOBA PREMIER CONCERNING PRICE CONTROLS

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** My question for the Acting Prime Minister concerns a very important conference that is going on this afternoon with regard to the economy. Could the minister indicate what the government's reaction will be to the proposals being advanced by the premier of Manitoba with regard to the necessity of price controls being imposed to deal with the problems of the economy?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance made a statement in the conference today in which he pointed out that price controls had not been accepted by the Canadian people as appropriate under present circumstances. He said that as far as this government is concerned it felt this was a much less desirable method than the procedure he favoured, namely, to try to bring about co-operation amongst various groups in the community toward certain stated objectives. These were set out in his statement to the conference.

**Mr. Baldwin:** I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister if he is able to advise the House of the position of the Premier of British Columbia and the Premier of Saskatchewan with respect to this very interesting suggestion by the Premier of Manitoba?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I was not one of those privileged to be present during these discussions. I understand that one of the private members on the other side managed to sneak in but I was otherwise engaged. I shall make an inquiry and I am sure the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister will report on the conference.

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## FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

### INQUIRY WHETHER YUKON AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES REPRESENTED BY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Since Canadian citizens of the provinces are represented at the conference of first ministers by their elected representatives, can he inform me who is representing the people of the northern territories, of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, who are as vitally interested in the price of oil and in their economy as anybody else.

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I am sorry; I did know the names a couple of days ago. I can get the information and give it to the hon. member.

**Mr. Nielsen:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Are those two territories of Canada represented by elected representatives from the territories?

**Mr. Buchanan:** Mr. Speaker, no, I do not believe so.

## Oral Questions

**Mr. Nielsen:** A final supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In that event, since the two territories come under the jurisdiction of the federal government and considering the views of the Prime Minister on the pricing of oil, can the minister say who is to express the views of the citizens of both northern territories in opposition to any increase in the price of oil?

**Mr. Buchanan:** Mr. Speaker, this matter falls, in this case, within the purview of the federal government.

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## PENITENTIARIES

### COWANSVILLE—CLASSIFICATION OF MURDERER OF INSTRUCTOR—SUGGESTED REVISION OF CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES

**Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker—

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

**Mr. Grafftey:** Mr. Speaker, my question has to do with the fatal beating of a penitentiaries commission official at Cowansville, Quebec, and is directed to the Solicitor General. I would ask—

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

**Mr. Grafftey:** Mr. Speaker, I will ask you—

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

**Mr. Grafftey:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if you, Sir, as the chief commoner in the House, would, when I put a question of serious nature, protect the right of an individual member and demand courtesy from the minions opposite.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It is always possible for the chairman to intervene and demand silence. Generally speaking, this is much more effectively achieved by the putting of a precise question, which elicits an answer.

**Mr. Grafftey:** Mr. Speaker, I will reply. In the last six times—

**Some hon. Members:** Order, order.

**Mr. Grafftey:** I am going to handle this right now, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member has been recognized and has the floor for the purpose of putting a question. Perhaps he would do so, because there are several other hon. members who would like to put their questions.

**Mr. Grafftey:** Sir, I have tried to put my question, but it has been impossible, because of all the noise.

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