

Affairs has the floor, may I ask him whether he has had any recent negotiations with the United States government regarding the phasing out of U.S. military bases in Canada and whether—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Lundrigan: —before recognizing Red China he would recognize that Newfoundland is part of Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

BANK OF CANADA

INCREASE IN SALARY OF GOVERNOR

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address my question to the Prime Minister. In this period of inflation, and in view of the government's effort to control prices and wages, did the Prime Minister or the Minister of Finance approve the increase in salary of the Governor of the Bank of Canada from \$50,000 to \$100,000?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Hales: A supplementary question. If the Prime Minister did not approve it, what organization or body did approve it?

Mr. Trudeau: No one, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Hales: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Both the hon. member for Wellington and the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre are rising on a supplementary. I think the original question could well have been placed on the order paper since we are dealing with a situation *ex post facto*. Unfortunately, the Prime Minister rose to answer just a little too quickly, and so I allowed the supplementary on the part of the hon. member for Wellington. However, I do not think we should get into a debate on the matter.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, due to a slight error in the question the Prime Minister was able to give the House a misleading answer. Was not the raise to \$75,000?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Perhaps the correct question might be placed on the order paper.

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

WATER RESOURCES

GRAND CANAL—DISCUSSIONS WITH QUEBEC AND ONTARIO

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Could he tell us whether the officials of his department have been in touch with the governments of Quebec and Ontario regarding the diversion of the waters of the James bay basin, what has been called the Grand Canal project? Could the minister tell us whether studies in this field are going on at the federal level?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

POLLUTION

THREAT FROM BREAKING UP OF TANKER

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Fisheries may I direct this question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Does the breaking up of a loaded tanker off the coast of New England yesterday pose a pollution threat to Canada's eastern coastal waters? If so, what steps is the government taking to counteract it?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I have no knowledge of any pollution threat to Canada, but I will be glad to take notice of the hon. member's question and look into the matter. If any pollution is threatening Canada, we will certainly take such action as is available to us under the applicable legislation.

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the minister whether the government is undertaking research programs in connection with the special problems of oil dispersion in the Arctic?

Mr. Greene: Mr. Speaker, there is continual research being conducted into pollution, including the possibility of pollution in the Arctic as well as elsewhere. I know of no program within my department that is specifically directed to the question of oil pollution in the Arctic, but certainly this matter is well within the ambit of our total framework of research programs.