

The city of Victoria has a similar situation with the Barnard estate. Can the Prime Minister give any assurance that Victoria will receive the same treatment accorded Vancouver and thus reinforce his statement of December 8 that such transfers will remind people that the government at Ottawa is their government?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the government cannot take a general stand on all questions. It has to look at each particular request on its merits. The hon. member knows that the federal government owns vast quantities of land across the country. I think it owns about one-third of Quebec city. We would not in advance want to give any blanket undertaking that anybody who asks can have such land back as a favour. We hope the federal presence can be recognized through federal ownership of these lands and that they do not necessarily have to be transferred to the province or municipality.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

REPORT ON SURVEY OF HEALTH OF FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR IN EUROPE

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Has the minister received a report from Dr. Hermann on the health survey of European prisoners of war? If not, when does he expect to receive the report?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I just received the report and am now in the process of studying it. It will be typed in the two languages and made available to members of the House.

Mr. Towers: When?

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST THAT APPROVAL OF HOUSE BE SOUGHT IF FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED TO GROUPS DEDICATED TO VIOLENCE IN AFRICA

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Will the minister at an early opportunity bring before the House the entire question of the government of Canada making funds available through CIDA to groups dedicated to violence on the African continent, and will he seek the approval of the House before any such policy is implemented?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, during the recess I made a statement, and I confirm it now, to the effect that no grants have been made for any such purpose or to any group of this kind. I also said, and I again confirm it, that no grants would be made for the purpose outlined in the Common-

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wealth Prime Minister's conference until the estimates of CIDA have been approved by the House.

Mr. Paproski: Does the minister plan to subsidize domestic revolutionaries?

Mr. Sharp: No, Mr. Speaker, and we do not intend to subsidize foreign revolutionaries either.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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HOUSING

INQUIRY RESPECTING COMPLETION OF AGREEMENT WITH QUEBEC ON URBAN RENEWAL

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs.

Following his meetings with his Quebec counterpart, the Hon. Victor Golbloom, concerning the amendments to the National Housing Act and more specifically the development of districts, could he tell the House whether the Quebec minister has given his views on the matter and also whether an agreement will soon be concluded?

[English]

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, no agreement has yet been signed. I am optimistic that one will be. My colleague, the Quebec minister, has a draft agreement from me on which there has been discussion through my parliamentary secretary at a meeting in Quebec City. I understand the draft agreement will be returned to me shortly. I hope the two governments can soon execute it.

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ENERGY

PRICE OF HOME HEATING OIL IN OTTAWA AREA

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the fact that about one-half of the heating oil used in the Ottawa area is western oil transported by the Toronto-Ottawa pipeline and that the major oil companies are charging eastern offshore prices for that oil, would the minister tell the House what he intends to do about this discriminatory pricing policy?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): I asked previously that this be investigated by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and I have been discussing the matter with them. I think the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has a report to give the House at this time.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): We have been in discussion with particular refiners in light of what are anticipated to be lower