

Information tells us that a sum of \$5 million Canadian is said to have been invested in a certain program in the Ivory Coast, French Africa, where 28 Canadian families are at work. This project consists in a televisual education complex, that is a printing house. Is the minister aware that this \$5 million printing house has no permit to operate? Does he also know that the volunteers were leaderless during eight months? Since this is a public expenditure and since all Canadians are willing to help develop needy countries without being their laughing-stock, can the minister tell us today whether he will initiate an inquiry on that matter?

[English]

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to provide the details of this project to my hon. friend, if he would put that question on the order paper. They are not the kinds of details I can provide at this time.

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### ENERGY

#### POSSIBLE EXTENSION TO OTHER COMPANIES DEVELOPING OIL SANDS OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH SYNCRUDE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, may I address a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. Was the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources stating government policy in the interview, reported outside this House yesterday, which resulted in the following press report.

**Mr. Rondeau:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Leader of the Opposition has the floor. I will hear the hon. member's point of order in a moment.

**Mr. Stanfield:** The press report reads as follows:

In answer to a suggestion that special concessions given Syncrude will set a pattern for future oil sands projects, Mr. MacDonald said the special tax concessions, the promise of a world-related selling price and the promise of no prorationing of Syncrude production applies only to the Syncrude project.

Was the minister stating government policy or was the Prime Minister stating policy here, today, when he told me something different?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** He did not suggest anything different.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** If I understand what was read by the Leader of the Opposition, he said that this concession applied only to the Syncrude project. Did I understand the Leader of the Opposition correctly?

**Mr. Stanfield:** Yes.

**Mr. Trudeau:** This is what I have been saying. I said only yesterday that we would look at each project on its own merits.

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Exactly.

### Oral Questions

**Mr. Trudeau:** The fact is that this applies to this project and none other. If any other projects are presented to us, we will examine them. That is what I said.

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[Translation]

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### PROPOSED DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER CIDA

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Shefford on a point of order.

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct to the Prime Minister a supplementary question to that asked by the hon. member for Lotbinière.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Shefford on a supplementary question.

**Mr. Rondeau:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to ask this supplementary. I no longer have a point of order.

My question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the numerous criticisms levelled against the CIDA administration and since this body has a budget exceeding \$750 million, the third largest of the federal budget, does the Prime Minister intend to make a department answerable to the House for the huge sums of money being spent by this organization that never publishes a report?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** There is already a minister answerable to the House, Mr. Speaker, it is the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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[English]

### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

#### PROPOSED ROYAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE INCREASE IN CRIME

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In view of the demoralizing effect the government's failure to enforce the law is having on society, the RCMP and other police officers whose function it is to enforce and administer the law, and in view of the tremendous increase in crime, will the minister consider setting up immediately a federal royal commission which is to investigate the cause of the increase in crime, examine the weaknesses of the temporary pass and parole system and determine in what manner crime may be controlled and the parole system improved. It should make sure that the parole system, set up by the Diefenbaker government, is not destroyed.

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I certainly would not want to associate myself with all the premises which the hon. member put forward in his question. The various questions involving appropriate procedures in regard to parole and day passes and rehabilitation of offenders are constantly being given attention and were the subject of a formal study a short time ago. The over-all question of the improvement of our enforcement