

*Oral Questions***COLLÈGE MILITAIRE ROYAL IN SAINT-JEAN**

**Mr. Michel Gauthier (Roberval):** Mr. Speaker, over the last few days, the federal government demonstrated on numerous occasions that it was constantly improvising when negotiating with the Quebec government regarding the future of the military college in Saint-Jean. This is evidenced by the project proposed by the president of the Université de Sherbrooke, who is anxiously waiting for an agreement between the two governments.

Is the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs aware that each day that negotiations with the Quebec government are delayed jeopardizes the implementation of a project such as the one proposed by the president of the Université de Sherbrooke, since the teachers at CMR may make commitments to other institutions and no longer be available? Is the minister aware of that?

**Hon. Marcel Massé (President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister responsible for Public Service Renewal):** Mr. Speaker, the object of the ongoing negotiations with the government of Quebec is to adequately solve the issue of the military college in Saint-Jean. It is much more important to find the right solution and solve the problem for good than to make a hasty decision which might leave some issues unresolved.

There is no doubt that the teachers at CMR can find jobs in Kingston and elsewhere, but there is no great need to hurry. The hon. member should not worry about imaginary problems.

**Mr. Michel Gauthier (Roberval):** Mr. Speaker, how must we interpret the minister's comments? He says that there is no great need to hurry, but his government is shutting down the military college in Saint-Jean.

After creating all kinds of problems for the region with the unjustified and unjustifiable closure of the college, does the minister not realize that people in Saint-Jean and in Quebec are tired of his apathy, his lack of initiative and his inability to propose any solution to that issue?

**Hon. Marcel Massé (President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister responsible for Public Service Renewal):** Mr. Speaker, getting carried away will not help solve the issue. The military college in Saint-Jean will remain open until the spring of 1995. Consequently, the important thing to do right now is to arrive at a solution which solves all the problems regarding the college, and which meets the needs of both the province of Quebec and the federal government. There is no doubt that the spending cuts which were made in the defence budget have served Canada well, since they allow us to put our budget back in order. This issue is of much greater scope than the problems related to the military college in Saint-Jean.

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[English]

**ARMS SALES**

**Mr. Preston Manning (Calgary Southwest):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Prime Minister.

The Canadian government has already approved a deal to sell helicopters to Columbia and is now considering the sale of coastal frigates to Taiwan. Concerning these sales the Minister of Foreign Affairs said last week that we have a process of reviewing our sales of arms abroad. We are doing it only under very specific conditions and every sale is reviewed carefully before being allowed.

Can the Deputy Prime Minister explain whether the guidelines used in reviewing these sales are the guidelines established and employed by the previous government or whether this is a new set of guidelines developed by the present government?

**Hon. Raymond Chan (Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific)):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for the question. Absolutely no consideration is being given by the government to sales of Canadian patrol frigates to Taiwan right now.

**Mr. Preston Manning (Calgary Southwest):** Mr. Speaker, that was an interesting reply but it had nothing to do with my question.

Maybe I can repeat the question. We are simply asking if the guidelines that are being applied to these arms sales are the guidelines that were developed and used by the previous government of which many members were critical or are these new guidelines developed by the current government? If they are, could the parliamentary secretary tell us what they are.

**Hon. Raymond Chan (Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific)):** Mr. Speaker, that is a hypothetical question but I will answer part of it.

The sale of military equipment to Taiwan is subject to standard export control procedures and policies. We consider any such sales on a case by case basis and consistent with our one China policy.

**Mr. Preston Manning (Calgary Southwest):** Mr. Speaker, a further supplementary question.

The sale to Columbia involves so-called civilian versions of the Bell model 212 helicopter. This civilian distinction avoids the necessity of gaining approval under federal defence export regulations. Concerns have arisen however because it is relatively easy to convert the model 212 into a military attack vehicle.

In light of these facts can the parliamentary secretary please explain what the guiding philosophy of the government is regarding international sales of arms, especially to countries