

*Oral Questions*

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Yes, Madam Speaker, I did support the proposition with the Buffalo River band at Dillon that Indian schools should be built in accordance with provincial standards so they will not be inferior to schools in the provinces. I might indicate that there is some fault in the premise of the hon. member's question. There are some provinces where the federal standard, believe it or not, exceeds that of the provinces.

• (1440)

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

**Mr. Munro (Hamilton East):** I just wanted to indicate that that is my information. We are reviewing my opinion on the Dillon Indian band proposal in terms of its implications across the country on Indian schools, but this in no way diminishes my commitment to the Dillon band.

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## DELIVERY OF NUCLEAR FUEL BUNDLES TO ARGENTINA

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. He knows that Argentina has not signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and that it is considered capable of producing an atomic bomb. The Palme commission is the latest one to confirm that. The Prime Minister will also know that on June 8, in Vienna, the Argentine government said that it reserved the right to develop nuclear energy for military uses. Has his government now changed its policy in connection with delivering nuclear fuel bundles to Argentina? Will the government recall the Canadian technicians who are there and cancel any further work on the Candu nuclear reactor because Argentina has clearly said that it is prepared to use nuclear energy for military purposes?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, it is possible that Argentina may have that intention, but it would not be exercising that intention as regards the Candu or the supplies to the Candu because they are completely safeguarded.

The hon. member will remember that there are other sources of energy supplied by other countries. As the hon. member is aware, Canadian standards are somewhat higher than those of other countries. Therefore, the only effect of accepting the hon. member's suggestion and withdrawing from the contract—in other words, breaking the contract from our point of view—would be to set Argentina free to proceed with whatever is there from Canada without the safeguards which we have negotiated with Argentina and which are being observed.

## STATEMENT MADE BY PRIME MINISTER AT NATO MEETING

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West):** Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Prime Minister. On June 10 the Prime Minister said at the NATO Summit that "no issue, however important, should take precedence over the need to avoid nuclear annihilation". On June 18, in two days' time, he will speak to the United Nations disarmament conference and propose a freeze on the development of new nuclear weapons and a strategy of suffocation. Will the Prime Minister go to the United Nations with clean hands, or will he be branded the greatest hypocrite in the universe because he is not prepared to carry out what he preaches to the rest of the world and to avoid nuclear annihilation, by giving a country the means to make nuclear weapons by reason of a contract entered into in 1974? Will he practise what he preaches?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, I suspect the hon. member did not quite understand my previous answer. I said that we had a contract with Argentina—

**Mr. Crosbie:** Cancel it.

**Mr. Trudeau:** —with safeguards.

**Mr. Crosbie:** There are no safeguards.

**Mr. Trudeau:** The hon. member is not stating the truth when he says that there are no safeguards. He should know, because he was in a government which also tried to sell a Candu—

**Mr. Crosbie:** We refused to sell a second one.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Madam Speaker, the hon. member is asking me a question. I would appreciate it if he listened to my answer.

I am saying that there is a contract with Argentina to sell a Candu which is safeguarded. If we withdraw from that contract the safeguards will fall, and therefore the material and the technology which have been delivered to Argentina, not only in the period since 1976 but in the period during which the hon. member's party was in government, would be in the hands of the Argentine government without any safeguards. The hypocrisy would really be to say that we are going to withdraw from this and think that it will make the world safer. It will not; it will mean that Argentina will have technology and material which are no longer safeguarded. We prefer to keep those safeguards than to set Argentina free.

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## THE ECONOMY

## DATE OF FORTHCOMING ECONOMIC STATEMENT

**Hon. Allan Lawrence (Durham-Northumberland):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance who, I am