

A member of the American Congress, Mr. Edward Beard, declared last week that he is preparing a bill aimed at restricting the power of Interpol, a private international police agency. This decision follows an eight-month study of a report on Interpol, which clearly demonstrates the Nazi history of that agency and points out at cases when it violated the rights of individuals and groups by broadcasting false information. Considering that the same report has been made available to the Solicitor General since March 1975, would he advise the House if he has completed the study of the report and, if so, when will he report to the House? If he has not, why has the study not been completed?

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Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, this matter was raised in the Justice committee the other day on my supplementary estimates. We provided certain information to the committee. I might say that we have no information to the effect that Interpol is doing what was suggested by the hon. member. I am willing to investigate this further and report back to him.

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ENERGY

NELSON AND CHURCHILL RIVER HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECTS—APPLICATION OF MANITOBA HYDRO FOR EXPORT PERMIT

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. It concerns the Manitoba Hydro project for exportation of hydro-electric power from the Nelson and Churchill River projects to the midwest United States. Construction of that 230,000 KV line from Ridgeway, Manitoba to Sprague, Manitoba, has begun by Manitoba Hydro. There are survey crews and expropriation and the construction of transmission towers has begun. Has Manitoba Hydro applied for an export permit? If so, has it been approved and if not, why not?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I cannot tell the hon. member whether such an application has been made. I can tell him, however, that there will be meetings at the highest level next week to discuss this and related matters.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

ALLEGED HALTING OF CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSMISSION LINES BY MANITOBA HYDRO FOR VIOLATION OF NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD ACT—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Justice. As construction has been halted on the transmission lines as it appears on the surface that Section 40 of the National Energy Board Act has been violated by Manitoba Hydro for beginning construction before the export permit was approved by the National Energy Board, has any legal action been taken against Manitoba Hydro?

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Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I would like to examine with my officials the legal implications of that question.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

POSSIBILITY OF SIGNING AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH COLUMBIA TO PROTECT OKANAGAN REGION

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of the Environment. Can the minister report progress on her continuing struggle to protect the environment of the Okanagan Valley, at least to the extent of having signed the implementation agreement setting out the five year program arising out of the three year study of the Okanagan Regional Water Board? There is a growing fear that this modest, long-range, essential and eventually money saving program has been sacrificed because of restraint.

Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of the Environment): No, Mr. Speaker. That agreement has not been sacrificed in the budgetary restrictions. I do have some matters to discuss with the minister in British Columbia and we are trying desperately to get hold of him, but he is out campaigning and does not seem to have any time to discuss the situation in the Okanagan at the present time.

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AIR TRANSPORT

INCREASE IN AIR FARES—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON APPEAL OF CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister in a position to inform the House today whether cabinet has reached any decision on the appeal from the Canadian Transport Commission May 1975 air fare rate hearings presented by the Consumers Association of Canada, and if not, why not?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I cannot identify the specific appeal from that reference. I will check it later in *Hansard* and examine the question.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The appeal was with respect to the increased air fares granted by the CTC last May, which incidentally, for the information of the minister, are highly discriminatory so far as people outside of central Canada are concerned. Would the minister also take this fact into consideration?