

Oral Questions

worry about the jury system which developed after the decision in the Morgentaler case—

Some hon. Members: Oh!

Mr. Lang:—I had no doubt at all about the rightness of the Supreme Court decision.

Mr. Baldwin: We shall all sleep better tonight after hearing that.

Mr. Dick: In view of the state having won its legal point that section 45 of the Criminal Code no longer is a defence in cases of abortion and as a result Dr. Morgentaler is serving time, has the Minister of Justice made a decision on whether or not he would invoke his authority under section 683(2) granting a pardon or section 617(a) ordering a new trial for any subsequent prosecutions or persecutions of this man?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, that question is not only hypothetical but badly worded.

Mr. Dick: Ten o'clock.

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FISHERIES**COMPENSATION FOR NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERMEN BECAUSE OF ICE CONDITIONS—REQUEST FOR REPORT**

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Fisheries. It follows a question I asked last Thursday arising from disastrous ice conditions in many parts of the Atlantic region and the difficulty experienced by fishermen in earning their livelihood. Has the minister consulted with his colleagues concerned, and has a decision been reached with regard to compensating those fishermen for the time lost?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)): Mr. Speaker, I have consulted and I have received representations from both sides of the House on this issue as well as from provincial authorities. I hope to have a full report on this situation within a matter of 48 hours. Maybe I shall have some good news by early next week.

REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO PREVENT POACHING OF SALMON IN RIVERS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): A related question, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister taken any further action with regard to the widespread poaching which is going on in many of the rivers in the Atlantic region in terms of stiffening the penalties which can be imposed by law?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)): We have extended hours of work. Our people are working through the weekends and we are endeavouring to do what we can. I repeat, there will always be those who think of poaching as just another form of sport. For this reason, parliament will have to prescribe stiffer penalties

[Mr. Lang.]

for enforcement by the courts and give our peace officers more power to do their work.

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PENITENTIARIES**OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED NEW INSTITUTION AT SAINT JOHN—NUMBER OF JOBS LOST BY REPLACEMENT OF DORCHESTER INSTITUTION**

Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton-Charlotte): May I direct a question to the Solicitor General? Has the minister decided to take account of the objections of residents in the Saint John area to the construction of a penal institution there by seeking another location for the proposed new institution?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): I have not yet received any objection to this institution except from one member of parliament. I wrote to the hon. member and I am still waiting for his reply.

Mr. McCain: A supplementary question. How many employment opportunities will be lost to the area of Dorchester, New Brunswick, by the change of status of the institution there when that change takes place?

Mr. Allmand: It is our plan to replace the present Dorchester institution with three smaller institutions as part of the new program of building smaller penal institutions designed to house 150 to 180 inmates instead of 400 to 500. I must say, with respect to the institution in the Saint John area, that we consulted with the provincial government and they agreed with us that such an institution could be built in that area.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**SUGGESTION PRIME MINISTER FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF PRESIDENT OF FRANCE**

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): I have a question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the very great success which the President of France has had recently in learning of the problems of families in all walks of life in his country by means of private dinners which he and his wife have had with French families in all parts of the country, I wonder whether the Prime Minister has considered a similar kind of program for himself so that he can become acquainted with the problems faced by Canadian families?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows I travel around the country a great deal—

Some hon. Members: By helicopter.

Mr. Trudeau:—it is substantially larger than the country which the President of France has to administer, and for that reason I am glad I have the support of the opposite side when I use every means of transportation.