

Oral Questions

pawns in what is turning out to be a very mismatched chess game.

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ABORTION

CONTINUANCE OF TORONTO CLINIC

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, again I am speaking out about the miscarriage of justice perpetrated by the Attorney General of Ontario in allowing Dr. Morgentaler and his associates to continue to murder helpless unborn children at their human slaughter house in Toronto.

The Attorney General has allowed this to happen even though he has appealed the acquittal on an earlier charge of performing abortions on demand.

Each day of delay in settling this matter means that more and more unborn babies have met and will meet a premature and agonizing death.

To compound the matter, the Attorney General of Ontario has issued instructions to the police forces not to interfere in any way to stop this slaughter.

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Dr. Morgentaler and his associates are thumbing their noses at the Criminal Code of Canada, which specifically does not allow abortions to be performed on demand. The Attorney General of Ontario is ignoring the law by refusing to exercise his authority to stop any further abortions taking place during the appeal period, as he has the legal right to do.

It is time for the federal Government to intervene by whatever measures necessary to demand that the Attorney General of Ontario stop pussyfooting around, get off his but, show some leadership, uphold the law, and close down once and for all Dr. Morgentaler's wholesale murder factory.

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TERRORISMCANADIAN VICTIMS OF EGYPTIAN AIRLINER HIJACKING—
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IN RETURNING BODIES

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Yesterday, in the House, he said that he and the Prime Minister had been in touch with the family of the tragic victims of the Egyptian airliner hijacking to offer all co-operation of the Government of Canada. However today, according to the press, as of last night at least the Government was refusing to make a military plane available to bring the remains of the victims back to Canada. Will the Minister say now that such a plane will be sent to Malta immediately to

bring back the remains, consistent with what he said to the House yesterday on this important matter?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the reports cited by the Hon. House Leader of the Opposition are false. The Government and I have been in touch directly with both the Uffelman family and with Mr. Leonard. They have both expressed their appreciation of the full co-operation of the Department of External Affairs. We have indicated to them that we will bring the bodies of the two tragic victims home, naturally at the expense of the Government of Canada. We will do that in the most expeditious way. It looks at the moment as though the quickest way would be via commercial air connections, but we will remain in the closest possible consultation with the family. I must say that I particularly regret that their sense of tragedy was added to by these inaccurate and sensational reports in the press.

USE OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AIRCRAFT REQUESTED

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, could the Minister explain why a Department of National Defence plane could not be used, in view of the fact that there are planes of a transport nature going back and forth to Europe? Would that not be the simplest and quickest way, under the circumstances?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, it is precisely the case that under the circumstances it would not be the simplest or the quickest way.

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TRADECANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—EFFECT ON
EMPLOYMENT IN ONTARIO

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg-Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Today there were reports of studies released by the Ontario Government showing that in that province alone some 281,000 jobs are endangered by a comprehensive trade agreement. We know that the Government has conducted its trade discussions under a cloak of secrecy and has refused to reveal any information. In light of these very disturbing facts, is the Government now prepared to release all information which it has on the economic impact of its proposed trade deal with the Americans, prior to the federal-provincial conference? Will the Prime Minister agree with Premier Peterson that a national data bank should be established to ensure that all regions have a full understanding of the particular problems associated with this agreement?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Government of Canada to the Government of Ontario for undertaking these kinds of studies. That is precisely the kind of extensive, detailed, data-oriented studies