

Oral Questions

his office or any other government office that the program "Khrushchev Remembers" not be aired on the CBC?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have received no such representation. I will inquire if any have been made to people in my office and I ask ministers now to let me know if any have been made to them in their capacity as ministers.

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SPORTS**GOVERNMENT POSITION ON WORLD FOOTBALL LEAGUE—
ACTION TO PROTECT CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. As the CFL seems to be turning its back on the minister, who even acted as father protector of the league, by not following up on its expansion program and by suggesting its willingness to consider a merger with the WFL, is the minister prepared to reconsider the stand he took on Bill C-22 in the last parliament, in view of actions the WFL may once again take to play in Canadian cities or, indeed, to merge with the CFL.

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, this is a subject on which the House expressed itself last year. The House voted on it, although the bill was not passed finally. Before introducing the same bill, a similar bill or a different bill, I will have to discuss the matter with my colleagues and members of my party.

Mr. Jelinek: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Owing to the continuing deterioration in the quality of CFL teams and the resulting 6 per cent decline in attendance last season, partly as a result of WFL raiding, that league not being allowed to play in Toronto—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Jelinek:—will the minister, as a concerned guardian of Canadian football, advise the House of the steps he intends to take to protect the CFL from further deterioration and prevent the possible phasing out of the Canadian Football League.

Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Speaker, obviously, such steps would be announced in due course.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE**DENIAL TO WOMEN OF THE RIGHT TO PILOT TRAINING IN
ARMED FORCES—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, my question was to be addressed to the Minister of National Defence. In his absence may I address it to the hon. member for Renfrew North-Nipissing East. As the government demonstrated its interest and concern in the status of women by a recent allocation exceeding \$1 million, for

[Mr. Nielsen.]

promoting the status of women in Canada, and as, during World War II, women pilots ferried aircraft from Canada to England, will the minister explain why now, in a period of relative peace, at least in Canada, women are denied the right by the Department of National Defence to join the Canadian Armed Forces and take pilot training.

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, the girls are now going to be allowed to join the cadet corps. However, I will take his original question as notice.

Mr. Brisco: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. With all due respect to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, this member does not know about girls taking pilot training. I would ask the minister or the parliamentary secretary when this became policy?

Mr. Hopkins: With all due respect to the hon. member, I think he misunderstood my remarks. I meant that in the bill presently before parliament, girls are to be officially recognized in the cadet corps.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. When the Prime Minister put a question to me concerning the letter from Mrs. Valenty Moroz to which I had referred, I said it was a letter addressed to four world leaders. On checking my notes, I see that it was addressed to only three world leaders, namely, to the President of the United States, the Chancellor of West Germany and the Prime Minister of Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I did not say that to put the Prime Minister a notch higher. However, if he did not receive the letter, I will send him the material I have.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY**ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE
GOVERNMENT ACTION TO COMBAT ORGANIZED CRIME**

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe) moved:

That this House, noting that international and interprovincial crime rings are operating out of control in the drug trade in British Columbia, the loan shark business in Ontario and in mafia-type conspiracies in Quebec, urges the government to act immediately—directly and through aid to the provinces—to protect the public and to bring these criminals to justice.

He said: Mr. Speaker, over the weekend, television viewers throughout the country saw on the national network the film "The Godfather" which broke all records of attendance and box office receipts for film producers.