

*Oral Questions*

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I do not have the full details. As a matter of fact, I have asked for a report on the situation of the Stony Indians and I will have to come back with the information later.

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**SUPPLY AND SERVICES**

**POLICY OF DEPARTMENT IN AWARDED CONTRACTS—  
REASON FOR AWARDED CONTRACT FOR SURVEYING ON  
WEST COAST TO TORONTO COMPANY**

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Supply and Services. Can he assure the House that it is the policy of his department to award contracts whenever possible to firms operating on a regular basis in the regions where the work is required?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** Certainly, Mr. Speaker, whenever it is possible.

[English]

**Mr. Fraser:** Can the minister advise the House why the first extensive federal government contract in many years for surveying on the west coast was awarded to a Toronto survey firm, despite the fact that three British Columbia firms bid on the job, know the area, and have the expertise to do the work?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Surely, the hon. member must realize that that is not the kind of information the minister should have at his fingertips.

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**ENERGY**

**CONSERVATION PROGRAM—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO  
OBTAIN PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR  
STATEMENT BY MINISTER**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. What are his plans to try to galvanize public support for a conservation program pertaining to energy as it seems to me that what has been done so far has not caused a ripple? Does the minister intend, for example, to give the Canadian people a detailed report on what the government itself is doing or has done to conserve energy within its own sphere, to turn out some of its lights, for example?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I welcome the hon. gentleman's conversion to conservation in the energy field.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** I would say, as I indicated to the hon. member for Don Valley, that we will be prepared to report on the programs to date and also on the measures taken. Indeed, we will be going ahead with

[Mr. MacKay.]

further discussions with industry in this regard. I am glad to see opposition interest expressed in this.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Since the only thing the minister has done so far is to engage in a controversy with *Le Jour*, I should like to ask him whether he is going to outline to the House a program designed to get the Canadian people behind a conservation program which has become even more urgent with the pronouncements of the Shah of Iran, for example, that the world price of oil will probably be increased this fall. Can the minister give the House—not today but in the very near future—some outline of a program that will really elicit some support from the Canadian people and results from expenditures of some several hundreds of thousands of dollars in funds by the government of Canada?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** A great deal of support has been elicited for the program to date in way of response to the specific advertisements and in expressions to me and members of the government concerning the efforts made to date. With regard to the reference to a possible international price increase, and indeed international efforts on conservation, I hope to be able to report to the House on this kind of question after the international meeting on energy next week.

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[Translation]

**INDUSTRY**

**UNITED AIRCRAFT—SUGGESTED REIMBURSEMENT OF  
GRANTS IF WORK NOT RESUMED**

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the hon. Ministers of Regional Economic Expansion and of Industry, Trade and Commerce, I would like to direct my question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Since the conflict at the United Aircraft is still continuing without any sign of hope for a solution, and since the QFL plans a general strike day for tomorrow, May 21, 1975, in order to force the Quebec government to solve that labour dispute, may I ask the right hon. Prime Minister whether he is prepared to assist in the settlement of that conflict by forcing the company, if necessary, to reimburse the subsidies it has been or will be granted, were the corporation to resume work in Longueuil?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, if I understood well, the hon. member's question was directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion or to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. I take notice of it on their behalf, and I will see to it that an answer be given to the hon. member.

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[English]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**IMPRISONMENT OF CERTAIN UKRAINIAN WOMEN IN SOVIET  
UNION—POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN AMNESTY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of