

*Inquiries of the Ministry***TRADE****NEGOTIATION OF FLOOR PRICE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES RESPECTING WHEAT AND OTHER COMMODITIES**

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): My question is for the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the decision of the United States to export wheat and a great number of other commodities to the U.S.S.R. and Red China, is it the intention of the government to seek a firm floor price agreement with the United States with respect to wheat and other relevant commodities?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): It has been our objective throughout the discussions regarding international wheat movement to obtain firm pricing arrangements in the agreements in order to provide for orderly marketing in the world and we will continue to do this. At the same time we will continue to cultivate the good will of our major customers such as the U.S.S.R. and China in every way.

Mr. Speaker: We have just about reached the end of the question period, but the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Kootenay West for one question before calling orders of the day.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS**DISLOCATION OF NATIVE PEOPLE BY PROPOSED JAMES BAY POWER PROJECT—DISCUSSION WITH QUEBEC**

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): My question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the fact that the proposed James Bay project will affect several Indian reserves in that area, has the Quebec government been in touch with the minister regarding the dislocation of native groups which will take place, and what was the outcome of these discussions?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I did myself get in touch with the government of Quebec in this regard, but I failed to be advised as to the projects before they were launched; the problem was referred to the tripartite committee made up of representatives from the Quebec Indians, from the federal government and from the provincial government.

[English]

Mr. Harding: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question period has expired. It is only with difficulty that I could allow the hon. member to ask a supplementary when I did not allow the hon. member for Spadina an opportunity to do so. Perhaps both hon. members could be given that opportunity tomorrow on a priority basis.

[Mr. Lang.]

[Translation]

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Joliette on a question of privilege.

Mr. La Salle: Mr. Speaker, since you interrupted the hon. Minister of Finance as he was answering a question which I suggest is very important, may I ask Your Honour whether his prepared answer could be recorded in *Hansard* for the information of all members?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I was under the impression that the hon. minister had completed the answer that he intended to give to the House. If I am wrong in this assumption, the further details that were not given to the House could perhaps be made available to the member concerned by the hon. minister.

● (3:10 p.m.)

[English]

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**BUSINESS OF SUPPLY****ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—ALLEGED FAILURE OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM**

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont) moved:

That this House, emphasizing that the need for a dynamic, imaginative, well organized plan for the needs of young Canadians in this period of high unemployment was long foreseen, deplores the misuse and mismanagement of the Opportunities for Youth program which has crushed the hopes and failed the needs of Canadian youth.

He said: Mr. Speaker, in speaking on this motion proposed to the House this afternoon, I hope we shall have an opportunity to obtain more information from the government benches with regard to this important program which has rapidly become a most controversial one. It is indeed unfortunate that the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier), the man primarily responsible for this program, is not in the House this afternoon to give a clear explanation of the nature of many of the difficulties connected with this program.

I suppose it is really typical of the situation in which we have found ourselves for many months. When people were prepared to ask questions of the minister, he either was not here or the answers he was prepared to give had nothing much to do with the questions that were put. Presumably, the excuse for the minister's absence this afternoon is the fact that he is participating in some way in the constitutional conference in Victoria. One would think, having watched the negotiations prior to this conference, that all that was really required was for the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the premier of Quebec to take another midnight walk in Outremont. However, if there is some reason for the Secretary of State to be in Victoria today, we wish him well and we hope that his presence there will contribute substantially to the out-