[English]

AGRICULTURE

SUBSIDY ON FLUID MILK—METHOD OF APPLICATION IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, since the province of Newfoundland has no milk marketing board, has the government figured out ways and means to make this subsidy effective in the province of Newfoundland where the price of milk is the highest of any province in Canada.

• (1500)

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, we foresee no real difficulty in doing that in Newfoundland because of the way in which the market operates there. We feel that we can work with the producers. If they do not pass on the subsidies to the consumers we will point out that fact to the food review board so that the public will know the distributors are not acting as good corporate citizens.

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CP AIR

ACTION TO ENSURE SAFETY OF AIRCRAFT IN VIEW OF MACHINISTS STRIKE

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the continuing CPR machinists strike, could the minister advise the House what precautionary steps, if any, are being taken in the servicing of CP aircraft as these airplanes are being maintained by personnel with inadequate experience and therefore the safety of passengers using strikebound airlines is being jeopardized?

[Translation]

[English]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the Department watches very closely the Canadian Pacific repair shops, and all the security standards of the department have until now been rigorously complied with.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT POSITION ON CONTROL OF INFLATION BY SUBSIDIES AND SELECTIVE PRICE CONTROLS—EFFECT OF MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICY

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Now that we have had a chance to study the statement made by the Prime Minister yesterday, is it proper to define the position of the government of Canada as being that inflation in this nation can be cured by subsidization and selective price controls?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

Oral Questions

Mr. Gillies: My question is again directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. Am I to infer from his reply, therefore, that the government of Canada is content with the monetary, fiscal and exchange rate policy and is suggesting that these have no influence on the rate of inflation in this country?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is hardly in order.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR FURTHER PROTESTS ON "GREENPEACE" INCIDENT AND ATOMIC TESTING BY FRANCE

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs which is related to one which was asked him a little earlier today. Having in mind the fact that the meeting of members of parliament from the three major parties in the House yesterday with members of the French national assembly who are visiting Ottawa revealed that our French colleagues supported, first, nuclear testing in the Pacific, and second, had little concern over the *Greenpeace* protest incident, will the government renew its representations on these points in such a manner as to indicate in the most tangible way the feelings of parliament on this matter?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the House will be interested to know that I will be seeing the French ambassador this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker: I will now recognize the hon. member for Egmont followed by the hon. member for Athabasca and then call orders of the day.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT'S LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO DEAL WITH INFLATION

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to that of the hon. member for Don Valley and I direct it to the Prime Minister. It is also related to questions that I have asked him both yesterday and Friday. Since he has indicated that the program of the government is not totally one of subsidization, and having had a little time to think over the questions raised yesterday, could he indicate in specific terms what legislative proposals the government will be advancing here in order that parliament may deal effectively with the root causes of inflation?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member would refer to my statement of yesterday, and to the one I made early in August, he would see that there are three prongs to the government's attack on inflation: one is subsidization, and I think that that aspect could not be knocked by the opposition