

Oral Questions

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions both with my colleague's department and with the oil companies with regard to the possibility of movement through this area. This matter is now being defined a little further. What is clear is that there may well be substantial additional investment required to undertake any movement in quantity.

EXPORT CONTROLS ON REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM UNITED STATES—NEGOTIATIONS TO EXCLUDE CANADA

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources arising out of the announcement by the United States energy czar, Mr. William Simon, to the effect that beginning last Friday export controls would be placed on refined petroleum products from the United States. In spite of the fact Mr. Simon hinted that Canada might not be included, I ask the minister whether he has been in touch with Mr. Simon or any of the authorities in the United States to ensure that Canada will not be included in view of the fact we export to the United States about 28 times the quantity of refined petroleum products that they export to us?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian representative in Washington with specific responsibility for the oil and gas area has been in touch with the United States administration to that effect.

Mr. Douglas: First, has the minister had any assurance from the American government? Second, since I understand that ARCO, the marketing company for Atlantic Richfield at Cherry Point, has informed British Columbia customers that there will be no shipments from December 16 until January 1 and after that date shipments will be cut to 80 per cent, is the minister aware of this and is he or the National Energy Board taking up this matter? I ask the question because this action could have serious consequences for the lower mainland area of British Columbia and disastrous consequences for the people of Vancouver Island.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for bringing this to my attention.

OIL PIPELINE EXTENSION TO MONTREAL—CONSIDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO ROUTE

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Nipissing): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. It relates to the construction of the proposed pipeline to Montreal. In view of the recent assumptions by people in the news media that the line will be built from Sarnia, and in view of the interest shown in the past by the Northern Ontario members of the treasury benches in having this pipeline built through Northern Ontario from Sault Ste. Marie, would the minister indicate whether serious consideration is still being given to building that pipeline from Sault Ste. Marie through Northern Ontario and, if so,

[Mr. Crouse.]

will the decision be announced in a very short period of time?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the possibility of the route from Sault Ste. Marie is indeed a very serious one, and I hope we will be able to make an announcement on this in the very near future.

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PENITENTIARIES

TIMETABLE FOR PHASING OUT WOMEN'S PRISON, KINGSTON

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. With regard to the discussions that he had with his provincial counterparts last week, would the minister say if any timetable was established for the phasing out of the women's prison in Kingston?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): No, Mr. Speaker, there was no timetable, but the phasing out was based on an agreement we made with the provinces for the exchange of services and facilities. Under that agreement we hope to sign individual agreements with the different provinces to place women inmates in their institutions. As we sign them we will be able to phase out the women's penitentiary and probably provide other facilities for those left with us.

NATIVE INMATES—TIME OF SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON CORRECTIONS—PARTICIPATION BY INDIANS

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, with regard to the same meetings last week can the minister tell the House when the special conference on corrections relating to native people will be held and if he intends to consult with native leaders prior to that time to arrange for their assistance in working out rehabilitative programs?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, it was decided to have a conference on native inmates some time early next summer. A steering committee was set up under the chairmanship of the deputy minister for Manitoba to plan the conference, and it was decided that we would approach the Indian people to participate in this conference as well.

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ENERGY

DISCUSSION WITH PREMIERS OF ATLANTIC PROVINCES OF MEASURES TO OFFSET RISING PETROLEUM PRODUCT PRICES

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Has he had contact with the Atlantic provinces premiers over the weekend with regard to possible joint federal-provincial measures to cope with the