

Oral Questions

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of that assertion. I will certainly undertake to the House to try to find out and report back as soon as I can.

ISSUANCE OF EXPORT PERMITS

Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, although one cannot expect the Deputy Prime Minister in the ordinary course of events to know about these matters since they are not in his jurisdiction, I wonder if he could explain why he would not know today and have been informed that Pratt & Whitney has in fact been exporting engines for military aircraft. Does the Government not know anything about this at all? Were export permits granted? The onus was on Pratt & Whitney. Did it ask for the permits?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is making some very serious allegations. I hope that she can substantiate them. There have been ongoing discussions between the Department of External Affairs and, indeed, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Pratt & Whitney. I am sure that any and all of the questions the Hon. Member is raising will be pursued.

I repeat, in our opinion Pratt & Whitney has acted responsibly. It has followed the rules. It has followed the guidelines. The fact of the matter is that the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry tried to allege yesterday that the specific engine in question was used strictly for military purposes, by using the *Canada Defence Products Guide*. He was stretching it somewhat in that the PT6 T-3 engine does not have a military application, but the PT—

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Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Mazankowski:—family of engines does.

Ms. Jewett: That is not what I am talking about.

Mr. Speaker: Order. That is getting into debate.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

EXCLUSION OF WOMEN FROM CALGARY PETROLEUM CLUB

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Energy I direct my question to the Deputy Prime Minister. In light of the Neanderthal vote yesterday by the cavemen at the Calgary Petroleum Club, does the Minister intend to instruct the chairman and chief executive officer of Petro-Canada to turn in his membership, and then ensure that no employees of any other Crown corporation are subsidized in any way by the Canadian Government in order to belong to this club?

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Privatization)): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member might be interested to know that today I wrote a letter to the Minister responsible for the Status of Women in the Province of Ontario, pointing out that the Agent General for the Province of Ontario belongs to the Canada Club in London which excludes women.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: Next question.

REQUEST THAT MINISTER BURN MEMBERSHIP CARD

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, while the Minister talks about another lousy Conservative appointment—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Ms. Copps:—I would like to get back to the question. Does the Deputy Prime Minister intend to instruct at least one of his cabinet Ministers, listed in the 1986 issue of *Who's Who* as a member of the Calgary Petroleum Club, to burn his membership card? If he does not burn it, some people in this House are going to ask him to do so.

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Privatization)): Mr. Speaker—

Some Hon. Members: Stand up, Harvie.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mrs. McDougall: Mr. Speaker, I think we all recognize that there are private clubs in this country where men go and there are private clubs where women go. I think if little boys want to belong to clubs and little girls want to belong to clubs, they are perfectly free to do so. It is not a policy that I support.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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MINES AND MINING

FALCONBRIDGE NICKEL MINES LIMITED—ANNOUNCEMENT OF LAY-OFFS

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. Falconbridge Nickel Mines Limited will eliminate 275 jobs by the end of this year, and another 250 by the end of 1988. The company is claiming poverty as the reason for these lay-offs. At the same time it found \$31.6 million to buy 24 per cent more of Western Platinum, a South African mining company. Can the Minister tell this House what kind of accountability the Government requires from Falconbridge when it treats Canadian workers in such a cavalier fashion, totally ignoring its social responsibility to the community?