

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

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**Mr. Woolliams:** Do I understand from the minister's answer that this forged application, which means that the passport was therefore illegal when it was issued, was made during the short period the accused was in the penitentiary serving a life sentence?

**Mr. Sharp:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The passport that I referred to, which was not issued, of course, in Geoffroy's name and was not applied for by him, was issued on September 28, 1971.

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In the investigation of these strange doings would the Secretary of State for External Affairs also cause to be inquired into whether any passport application was made by the lady who eventually because Mrs. Geoffroy, either before or after that event?

**Mr. Sharp:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, a passport was issued to the lady some time earlier. There was, of course, no reason why she should not have one; we had no reason to suspect any of the events that occurred subsequently.

**Mr. McCleave:** A further supplementary question. Was the passport issued in her maiden name or, as sometimes happens, issued in the married name, to be delivered after the ceremony itself?

**Mr. Sharp:** Since the application was made some time earlier, Mr. Speaker, it was made in her maiden name.

[Translation]

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** I would like to ask the Minister of External Affairs a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Considering the past record and the legal aspects in the Geoffroy case as the trial took place, I would like to know whether the Department of External Affairs got in touch with the Solicitor General's Department before issuing the passport or whether it did it on its own without consideration for the consultations and the work performed by the Solicitor General's office?

[English]

**Mr. Sharp:** I thought I had made it clear, Mr. Speaker, that no passport has been issued in Geoffroy's name. A passport which we believe Geoffroy is now using was issued in an assumed name, under forged documents.

**Mr. Lincoln Alexander (Hamilton West):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister in a position to advise the House if in fact the same guarantors were used with respect to the application for a passport, and whether when the lady's passport was issued a passport for Geoffroy was issued at or around the same time? Also, in view of the fact that we are all awaiting some information as to Geoffroy's whereabouts, is the government intending to post a reward in order to obtain information as to his whereabouts?

[Mr. Sharp.]

**Mr. Sharp:** The passport for Carmen Andrée Parent was issued to her on June 29, 1971, many months in advance of the application made for the passport that we have reason to believe Geoffroy is now using.

**Mr. Alexander:** A supplementary question.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe.

**Mr. Alexander:** A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Hamilton West is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Alexander:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I put too many questions for the minister to digest, but I did want to know whether in fact the minister has any indication as to who the guarantor was for her passport application. Further, is the government intending to post a reward in order to bring about Mr. Geoffroy's apprehension?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons I hesitate to give more particulars about names, and so on, is one that I am sure the hon. member will understand, namely, that a worldwide search is now going on and to reveal these kinds of details we feel would hamper the operations of the police and of Interpol.

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**MANPOWER****LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION AND ADDITIONAL FUNDS**

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the initiative shown by many communities across Canada under the Local Initiatives Program and their disappointment that many hundreds of projects will now have to be turned down because of lack of funds, would the acting minister indicate to the House whether consideration is being given to extending the program and increasing the funds available so as to maintain the morale of these people and permit them to submit projects?

**Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Acting Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, no consideration is being given to an extension of the dates.

**Mr. Ambrose Hubert Peddle (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that the minister announced a number of local initiative projects for Newfoundland several days ago, before other Newfoundland members were aware or were informed of them, would the minister now continue this procedure and use his ministerial position to obtain advance information on Newfoundland local initiative projects that are to be rejected and make public announcements accordingly?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton.