

Oral Questions

whole range of the matter of the Chilean movement. They made certain valuable and constructive suggestions to us, based on their information, which we have passed along to our people, particularly with regard to procedures in Peru and Argentina.

Mr. Brewin: Has the minister made or is he contemplating making any changes to deal with the problem that exists in the new humanitarian spirit which he has announced guides the government in this field?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to the delegation, the situation in Chile itself seems to have changed, and we have reduced the number of people we had temporarily sent there. But it is an ongoing operation, both to deal with normal applications from Chile in the normal manner and to be prepared to handle, with special consideration, any remaining refugee cases that are brought to light.

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INDUSTRY**CONSTRUCTION IN SARNIA-LAMBTON OF PLANT TO PRODUCE FEEDSTOCK FOR PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY**

Mr. Jack Cullen (Sarnia-Lambton): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Was he made aware of the welcome announcement today that a \$250 million world scale plant to produce feedstock for the petrochemical industry will be constructed in Sarnia-Lambton?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have been made aware of a favourable decision—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Gillespie:—on a project which has been championed by the hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Gillespie:—which has been assisted by the corporate tax cuts—

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am wondering whether the minister wishes to return to motions for the purpose of making a statement.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**SUPPLY—REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION OF OPPOSITION DAY IN WEEK BEGINNING APRIL 22**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the government House leader. Would the hon. gentleman be prepared to

[Mr. Andras.]

designate one of the sitting days of the week beginning April 22 as an opposition day?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am not prepared to do that. I would be happy to consult with my colleagues, but in the normal course the designation of opposition days is a matter for decision—

Mr. Hees: Between you and Stanley Knowles.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. MacEachen:—by the government because such days come under the business of supply. So the answer is that I am not prepared at the moment to designate any day.

REQUEST THAT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEET BEFORE EASTER RECESS TO ARRANGE TIMETABLE

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the government House leader on the matter of unfinished business before the Easter recess. Would he check into the possibility of the Public Accounts Committee having a meeting before Easter so it could arrange its timetable? I understand that the Auditor General worked hard to get his report going and everybody is anxious to get started, but the nod has not come from somebody.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): As I understand it, Mr. Speaker, a reference has been given by the House to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts at the request of the Chairman, and if a nod is required from me I will be glad to give it now.

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SPORTS**PROSPECTIVE LEGISLATION RESPECTING WORLD FOOTBALL LEAGUE—INTENTION OF GOVERNMENT AS TO FREE VOTE**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. It has to do with the bill in connection with barring the World Football League from Canada. When that bill comes before the House, is it the intention of the government to permit a free vote in order to calm and quieten Liberal members from Toronto and elsewhere who are very frightened by its terms?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not know what decision will be made by the various parties as to whether the whips will be off, but I do not think this is a matter that goes to the roots of our policy.

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Mr. Diefenbaker: It is a matter that goes to the roots of the survival of some of the seats of Liberals. Was the minister speaking for the government at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto a couple of days ago when he said that the federal government may permit a free vote?