

Oral Questions

equipment, facilities and personnel as well as assuring the acceptance of their offer to purchase the television rights, thus reducing the over-all cost by millions of dollars?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I answered this question yesterday or the day before.

Mr. Jelinek: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I was afraid the Prime Minister would say that. He did not answer my previous question of last Monday. In fact, he advised me that he was sure I had received answers while the Olympic bill was before the House. For the record, I did not receive any answers. I should like to ask the Prime Minister once again if he can confirm that a contract has been signed by the CBC dealing with the coverage of the Olympic Games, and by what means is the CBC going to receive the \$25 million which the government has pledged toward the \$50 million budget?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is asking a question which he has asked previously. If the hon. member is not satisfied with the reply—

Some hon. Members: Answer.

Mr. Nielsen: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Yukon on a point of order.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, the question asked by the hon. member for High Park-Humber Valley was entirely different from previous questions and requires an answer.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Leave the Prime Minister alone. He has no answers.

Mr. Speaker: May we have order, please. The hon. member is rising on a point of order and his point may be legitimate. There is no point in getting emotionally involved. There is no reason why the point of order should not be recognized if the question is a different question. If the Prime Minister or a minister of the government wishes to reply, of course, they will be recognized for that purpose, after which I will recognize the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Nielsen: Let's have the answer.

An hon. Member: Answer.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Nickel Belt.

[Mr. Jelinek.]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**GOVERNMENT POSITION ON RECOGNITION OF NEW GOVERNMENT OF CHILE**

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the minister's reply to the hon. member for Greenwood on the question of recognition of the guerrilla junta in Chile—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Rodriguez:—that precipitous recognition would not be given, can the minister assure this House that precipitous recognition of this regime will be the same as was accorded the Peoples' Republic of China?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I could not make that promise. It was my view that we should have recognized Peking as the legitimate government of China, as the hon. member's party had advocated, some time before we did.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am not sure whether the matter of the supplementary question posed by the hon. member for High Park-Humber Valley has been resolved. Assuming no answer is forthcoming, the Chair will recognize the hon. member for South Western Nova.

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TRANSPORT**DIGBY-SAINT JOHN FERRY—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO CONTINUE VIABLE SERVICE**

Mr. Charles E. Haliburton (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, not having the degree of navigation alluded to by my hon. friend, it is sometimes difficult to get the message across. There have been a number of questions referring to ferries but no reference to one serving Nova Scotia. While swimming may be a reasonable alternative in some other areas—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is not swimming very well at this point. I think he has been affected by a well-known disease.

Mr. Haliburton: My apologies, Mr. Speaker. I have been infected by the people around me. I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Has he yet received any official representation from the government of the province of Nova Scotia regarding the Bay of Fundy service and, if so, what was the tenor of his reply and what action does he propose to take to ensure continuation of a viable ferry service?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this is the ferry between Digby and Saint John and we are looking into this. I know that the CPR cut the service in half. We are considering now how we can restore the service and if it should be operated by the CPR, by the department or by a new agency.

Mr. Haliburton: Have any discussions been scheduled with the management of CPR in relation to this problem?