Oral Questions

CANADA PENSION PLAN

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Madam Speaker, an important initiative is under way in Toronto by way of petitions to the Minister of National Health and Welfare to improve the Canada Pension Plan.

At present people are not eligible to receive Canada Pension Plan disability when there are major interruptions to CPP contributions. When people are on workers' compensation they cannot make contributions to their CPP and therefore this period should not be considered a contributory period by the Canada Pension Plan. Having been on workers' compensation should not disqualify a person from Canada Pension Plan disability if another tragedy strikes such as cancer or a heart attack.

The Canada Pension Plan should therefore be amended so that a period of non-contribution be considered a neutral period that would not affect the qualifying requirements for a disability pension. We commend the petitioners and bring it to the attention of the minister for prompt action.

YUGOSLAVIA

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Madam Speaker, I am sure all of us continue to be concerned about the ethnic conflict and the violence in the former Yugoslavia.

• (1415)

Today I call particular attention to the plight of ethnic Hungarians in the former Yugoslavia. Like many members who may also have been in receipt of a letter from the Hungarian Human Rights Council, it seems that this is one group whose interests and concerns have been forgotten in the general debate about what is going on in former Yugoslavia.

I call on the government, in its deliberations with respect to the conflict in that former country, to pay attention to the needs of ethnic Hungarians in the difficult situation they find themselves in.

VIOLENCE

Mr. Vincent Della Noce (Laval—Est): Madam Speaker, after the XS magazine of Florida and its racist attacks

against Quebecers and dinosaur Don Cherry's attitudes, today we have a new comic book called *Justice League Task Force* from the United States which makes vicious attacks against Quebecers:

-took nearly a month to track them to Montreal, French separatists, radicals, who want Quebec to secede from Canada. Murdering these people is "politically correct murder".

I cannot believe our children will read this junk on violence. There is no murder that is politically correct and every Canadian should know that.

I hope the Minister of Communications or others will order that this magazine be banned immediately from Canada, removed from all stores and kept away from our children.

[Translation]

Furthermore I think it is particularly unfortunate that this comic book delivered in a box, was printed in Canada, because it says: Imprimerie Quebecor, Montreal, Ronalds.

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[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, I would have liked to ask a question of the President of the Treasury Board or the Minister of Finance, but I will direct it to the Acting Prime Minister.

As everyone knows I have been travelling by bus across Canada meeting Canadians to find out their real problems and to discuss their concerns. One thing that is clear in the minds of Canadians is that the government has absolutely the wrong priorities.

A report in the paper this morning says that the government is spending a lot of money to convert a National Defence airbus into a flying Taj Mahal for the Prime Minister, complete with an executive board-room, a master bedroom, a luxurious bathroom and shower.

I would like to know from the Acting Prime Minister which minister signed the request to Treasury Board for such stupid expenditures and why Treasury Board accepted the request.