

General can advise the House whether it is the policy of the RCMP to buy heroin to use in their own trading or whether the heroin used in this case was heroin which was taken out of the drug lock-up in the city of Vancouver?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the statement referred to by the hon. member. I would have to check that out and reply to him later.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

DATE OF PAYMENT OF PORTION OF EXPORT TAX ON OIL DUE TO INDIAN BANDS

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Has the minister decided when he will return the proportion of the export tax to the Indian bands which produce that oil and whether the government will pay interest because of the lateness of the return?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, that is a matter under discussion with the province of Alberta.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Rocky Mountain.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

EMPLOYMENT OF RENÉ MANTHA BY FIRM UNDER CIDA—REQUEST FOR REPORT

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for recognizing me. On October 24, again on October 28 and on November 5, I asked the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs for a full report as to the relations between the Government of Canada and Mr. René Mantha, mentioned in the inquiry before the Cliche Commission, with particular reference to any application by Mr. Mantha for a full pardon or for subsequent employment by a company under contract to CIDA and to indicate the specific nature of any intervention on behalf of Mr. Mantha by Paul Desrochers or any official of the Quebec Federation of Labour or by any present or former member of the office staff of the Prime Minister. I wonder whether the Prime Minister can tell us why that report has not been made and when it will be made?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I did not hear every bit of the question because it had not been addressed to me at the outset, but if it deals with the matter I heard at the end, it is a question of which I took notice on behalf of the minister and I think the member might well be advised to ask the minister.

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, the question was asked most recently of the Prime Minister and twice before of the Secretary of State for External Affairs. At no time was there an answer except an answer by the

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Secretary of State for External Affairs who was in the House and has left to the effect that he would give a full report to the House. I am interested in knowing why there has been this long delay in making available the information about any connection between the person mentioned by the Cliche Commission and the Government of Canada and when we can expect a straight answer and receipt of that report.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, my answer was that I did not know and that I would take notice of the question on behalf of the minister. The minister was out of the country on government business. He is out of the House on government business and the member might obtain permission to ask him when he comes back.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. At this stage of the proceedings yesterday when we were dealing with House business for ensuing days and weeks I asked the President of the Privy Council if he could indicate when two bills would be presented, first a bill by the Minister of Transport having to do with requiring the railways to disclose their freight cost structures and second a bill by the Minister of Veterans Affairs having to do with Hong Kong Veterans. Yesterday the minister said he would get the answer as quickly as possible. I wonder whether he can give that information today.

Mr. Sharp: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, I have good news and bad news. The good news is that the Minister of Transport is in the throes of drafting the particular bill and it will be presented soon. The bad news is that my colleague the Minister of Veterans Affairs is studying the proposal.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): What do we do to get the Minister of Veterans Affairs "into the throes"?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Rocky Mountain on a point of order.

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, a moment ago the Prime Minister suggested that I might ask permission to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs when he returned to the House from government business. My question to the Prime Minister and twice before to the Secretary of State for External Affairs—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Whether it be suggested by the Prime Minister or not, the fact of the matter is that the question period has come to an end. I do not know whether the Secretary of State for External Affairs might have some pertinent information he might add, but if so he might want to do that. Otherwise we will go on with orders of the day.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, sometime ago the hon. member asked about Mr. Mantha. The fact is that for some days or some period after the information had been available the hon. member was not in the House.