

Oral Questions

may know what the national energy policy of the government is?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I will accept the suggestion and admonition of the hon. gentleman.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the hon. member for York South might be allowed to ask another supplementary question, but hon. members will have noted that we are still on the same subject. I would hope an attempt would be made by hon. members in co-operation with one another to ensure that some members in the back rows who have been trying to ask questions for some days will be given an opportunity to do so.

TAR SANDS OIL—APPLICATION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW LEGISLATION TO SYNCRUDE

Mr. David Lewis (York South): I want to ask a supplementary question of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Is he or will he be studying the arrangements by Syncrude for the actual exploitation of the oil sands from the point of view of criteria now contained in the foreign investment review bill which has come out of the committee, and if he finds that the present bill does not cover the situation will he undertake to amend it so that this rather massive sellout of an important Canadian resource to foreign corporations can at least be screened?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Like my colleague, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Mr. Speaker, I look forward to getting details of the proposal. I certainly will be taking a look at the matter when I have those details.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

GRANT TO NEWSPAPER "LE SOLEIL"—POSSIBLE REIMBURSEMENT IN CASE OF SALE—REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTIES

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, I should like to direct my question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Considering that the Quebec City newspaper *Le Soleil* has received a very substantial grant from the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, and considering that this newspaper was eventually sold to the Power Corporation cartel, could the Prime Minister tell the House whether the letter promising the grant contains a clause for compulsory reimbursement of the grant in the event the newspaper should be sold?

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I should like to point out to the hon. member that the grant given to the newspaper *Le Soleil* was not necessarily for the newspaper itself, but for the entire operations, which include other things besides the newspaper itself.

[Mr. Lewis.]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, considering that I had specifically placed on the order paper a motion to obtain additional information, could the parliamentary secretary give more details about the contents of this agreement between the managers of the newspaper *Le Soleil* and the printing companies that have related businesses?

Mr. Speaker: I think that such detailed data should normally be given on motions. If the parliamentary secretary can reply briefly to the question, I shall recognize him, after which I shall recognize the right hon. member for Prince Albert.

Mr. Prud'homme: Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, I should like to refer the hon. member to the debates he and two of his colleagues, of whom the hon. member for Compton provoked. The reply we gave at that time is the same as that I could give today.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POLLUTION OF SOURIS RIVER CAUSED BY DIVERSION PROJECT IN NORTH DAKOTA—REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. The Canadian Wildlife Federation, through its distinguished president, Mr. Orville Erickson, has communicated with the minister in connection with the Garrison diversion project in North Dakota which creates a serious pollution problem in the Souris River prior to its entry into Manitoba, a fact already admitted by the United States Bureau of Reclamation. Will the minister act immediately under the Boundary Waters Treaty Act and insist that the project be suspended until the pollution and other pertinent problems of a similar nature have been resolved?

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Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I can assure the right hon. gentleman I will give most serious attention to his representation.

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IMMIGRATION

IMMIGRANT ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM—NUMBER REGISTERED—ENCOURAGEMENT OF REGISTRATION

Mr. Lincoln Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister responsible for immigration based on reports that registration under the last chance policy is poor. Can the minister bring us up to date on the actual number of registrations and what specific programs he has to encourage these people to register? It seems to me we cannot afford mass deportations on October 15. What plans has the minister in this regard?