

the concept of setting up national levels. I should like him to answer that question. Secondly, I wonder whether—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Frontenac-Lennox and Addington.

[Translation]

Mr. Lalonde: The answer is no, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

ENERGY

SARNIA—MONTREAL PIPELINE—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE OF FAIR TREATMENT FOR PERSON WHOSE LAND PURCHASED FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, my question arises from complaints I have received from land owners along the right of way of the proposed Sarnia-Montreal pipeline regarding the arrogant and deceitful treatment and attitudes of the agents purchasing the right-of-way. My question will have to be directed to the Prime Minister because of the temporary absence of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. May I ask the right hon. gentleman, now that cabinet has approved the building of the Sarnia-Montreal pipeline, will it also assure the landowners, residents and farmers whose land the pipeline traverses that fair and honest treatment will be given them by the agencies purchasing the right-of-way for the project?

Mr. Maurice Foster (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I understand that there is adequate provision in the report of the National Energy Board to cover that situation.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ALLEGATION CIA AGENT EMILIO GARZA INFILTRATED COADY INSTITUTE AND CIDA—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the minister caused an investigation to be launched into allegations on the CTV news last evening that one Emilio Garza, a CIA agent, had infiltrated the Coady Institute at the minister's own university, thereby seriously compromising Canada's international aid posture? Will the minister inquire whether CIDA checked Mr. Garza's background before he was allowed to proceed to the Coady Institute?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I have made inquiries, Mr. Speaker, but I have not received all the information I need in order to answer the question fully. The person in question was an instructor at the Coady Institute, employed by the institute itself as I understand it, and was also for a short period a member of a consulting team that went to Peru to examine the fisheries situation there. That CIDA contract lasted for 16 days I think and this person's attachment to CIDA was solely of that duration. With respect to the

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other part of the question, I have not yet received the information but I am seeking it.

POSSIBILITY OF A TREATY PROHIBITING OPERATION OF FOREIGN AGENTS IN CANADA WITHOUT PERMISSION

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I would be allowed a supplementary question—final or whatever other adjective is used. Final sounds so final. Has Canada a treaty with other countries, including the United States, prohibiting such activity without specific permission of the host country, and if we have a treaty was permission requested from the government of Canada?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, these are the points I am inquiring about. Obviously, there is an understanding, as I think I have stated earlier in the House with the authorities of the United States, that no such activities should take place in Canada without the express knowledge and permission of the Canadian government.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta.

Mr. Yewchuk: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member for Athabasca seek to raise the question of privilege now?

Mr. Yewchuk: Mr. Speaker, I can raise it now or whenever you like. I can do it now or at three o'clock, but I want to point out that at three o'clock the minister concerned may be gone.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member was seeking to ask a question of the minister. He asked whether the government had backed away from some sort of agreement with the provinces. The minister answered with a negative and the hon. member then said that the question could not be answered with a yes or no. It obviously could have been and was. Under the circumstances, I thought I had to go on to someone else. If the hon. member has further comments I think he should make them at three o'clock.

ALLEGATION MR. VIRGINIA GONZALES OPERATED AS CIA AGENT IN CANADA—REQUEST THAT HE TESTIFY BEFORE COMMITTEE

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It relates to a sworn affidavit by a Mr. Virginia Gonzales who states that he was a CIA agent and operated quite freely in Canada and that he had something to do with harassing a Mr. John Meyers of Vancouver. As this is contained in a sworn affidavit and as the Solicitor General stated to me in a letter that the government has no record of the man operating in Canada, will the minister be prepared to grant Gonzales immunity from prosecution in order that he can come to Canada and testify before a Commons committee, then perhaps we could find out how many CIA agents are operating in Canada?