

Oral Questions

consider making representations to France and explain the concern of the Canadian Government with respect to its action in furnishing these aircraft?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of State (External Relations)): Madam Speaker, the Government is very much aware of that, and that is one of the reasons why the Secretary of State for External Affairs will be travelling in the region very soon.

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HUMAN RIGHTS**NICARAGUA—PERSECUTION OF JEWISH COMMUNITY—
AMOUNT OF CANADIAN AID**

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for External Relations. The Minister will be aware that the Jewish community in Nicaragua has been reduced to 50 persons and the Sandinistas have waged a systematic campaign against them since 1977. Will the Minister tell us whether this factor and other human rights factors will play a significant role in deciding whether or not Nicaragua will get the \$15 million aid package that has been asked for it by the NDP?

Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of State (International Trade)): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member will recognize that the aid packages determined by CIDA are not based upon the findings of the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Stevens: Since when?

Mr. Kilgour: Madam Speaker, the point is that human rights in El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua are equally important.

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EXTERNAL AID**SOMALIA—AMOUNT OF CANADIAN ASSISTANCE**

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Madam Speaker, on the question of double standards, will either the Minister of State for International Trade or the Minister of State for External Relations tell me why Somalia got \$2 million in development aid from Canada last year when it is one of the ten poorest countries? I remind the Minister it is one of strategic importance to the free world and it has been a country staunchly in favour of the free world for about seven years now.

Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of State (International Trade)): Madam Speaker, Somalia is certainly one of the poorest countries in the world. It is not a country that had received a substantial amount of aid from Canada over a long period of time. I think the fact that that amount of aid has been given indicates an increased interest on the part of Canada in that country and in that area.

CROWN CORPORATIONS**CONFLICT OF INTEREST GUIDELINES—APPLICATION TO
AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES**

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister advise this House whether wholly-owned subsidiaries, American subsidiaries of Crown-owned corporations, are subject to the same conflict of interest guidelines as regular Crown corporations?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I understand the Hon. Member is talking about a Canadian Crown corporation which would own a subsidiary in the United States. I would think so, Madam Speaker.

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THE ADMINISTRATION**REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR
MINES**

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Last week in response to a question the Prime Minister left the impression that it is not his intention to replace a Minister of Mines to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of his only Minister from Newfoundland. The Prime Minister knows of the reaction of the mining industry to that statement. He left the impression that it might take months, if ever, before a new Minister is appointed. Would the Prime Minister be willing today to be more precise as to what his intentions are with respect to that, namely, will there be another Minister of Mines and a more precise date when the appointment will take place?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I cannot make out what the Hon. Member is allegedly saying about the mining industry. Those who are in the mining industry and know their business know that they have a perfectly good mining Minister in the person of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

An Hon. Member: Why do we need another Minister then?

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ENERGY**PRICE OF GASOLINE**

Mr. G. M. Gurbun (Bruce-Grey): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Two days ago a person could buy one litre of unleaded regular gasoline in the United States for 33 cents. Why does it cost a person up to 38 per cent more in Canada for that same litre of unleaded gas?

Mr. Lalonde: Which Province?