

Oral Questions

ing the co-operative action in July of the Cuban government in permitting the sister and daughter of Ronald Patrick Lippert to visit him while a prisoner in Cuba, has the government of Canada made any representations whatsoever to the Cuban government since that visit by Mr. Lippert's family on behalf of the release of Mr. Lippert and, if so, can the Prime Minister report any progress to the House?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will pass the question on to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I have not made any recent inquiries.

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Prime Minister whether he is now prepared to change his previous inhumanitarian attitude and make a direct appeal to Prime Minister Castro—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows that a supplementary question asked in those terms is out of order. I would suggest to hon. members that after they have asked their questions in the first instance, we might save a bit of time if they would not ask a supplementary when there is perhaps nothing much to be added to the first question. I know hon. members very often feel they must ask a supplementary, but when we are moving toward the end of the question period a little more forbearance on the part of hon. members might help.

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HOUSING**SUPPLYING OF INFORMATION TO QUEBEC MUNICIPALITIES ON AMENDMENTS TO ACT**

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Can he tell the House whether or not Canadians took advantage of Bill C-133? Could he also tell us whether Quebec municipal authorities have received information on the procedure to be followed to take advantage of that new act?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, may I ask my hon. colleague to repeat his question?

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**SUGGESTED ADVANCED PARAMEDICAL TRAINING FOR OFFICERS WHO INVESTIGATE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS**

Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. As the police are often the first at the scene of an accident, is the Solicitor General considering a policy, in respect of those

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provinces whose police services are carried out by the RCMP, whereby RCMP officers will receive advanced paramedical emergency training, and many of their vehicles will be converted into police ambulances as in the city of Montreal?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, that is a very interesting suggestion. I would be very pleased to take it up with the RCMP to see what can be done.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS**SOUTH INDIAN LAKE DIVERSION—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS IN COURT ACTION**

Mr. Keith Taylor (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the fact that the court case involving the South Indian Lake diversion will be going to trial shortly, and in view of the repeated requests by local residents for financial assistance, will the minister advise the House what financial assistance has been given by his department to these residents?

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Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I have no information on any financial assistance which may have been or may be offered. I shall look into the matter and report to the hon. member.

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POST OFFICE**REPLACEMENT OF ROYAL CREST AND WORDS "ROYAL MAIL" BY WORDS "CANADA POST" ON MAIL BOXES AND TRUCKS IN VANCOUVER**

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Postmaster General I should like to direct my question to the Prime Minister. Does the appearance of the words "Canada Post" on mail boxes and mail trucks in Vancouver, coupled with the removal of the Royal crest and the words "Royal Mail", a practice which I notice has spread to Ottawa, indicate a change in government policy, and does it signal the end of the Royal mail in Canada?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to take that question as notice for the Postmaster General, but I can say that I have noticed that the coat of arms is still on my local mail box.

Mr. Woolliams: You must have a private one.