

*Oral Questions***BILINGUALISM**

NEGOTIATIONS TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF SECOND LANGUAGE TRAINING IN OTTAWA AREA—REQUEST FOR REPORT

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Last Thursday the House instructed the government to enter into negotiations with the appropriate Ontario authorities in order to ensure the continuation of French immersion language training in four Ottawa-Carleton area school boards. Has the minister in fact entered into such negotiations? Can he inform the House what progress is being made, especially in light of Mr. Keith Spicer's ruling, as expressed on "CTV Question Period" on Sunday, that the provinces are willing to co-operate in such efforts?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I had a discussion with the Ontario minister of education on the telephone. We are meeting on Monday.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to hear that. May I now ask the minister whether he is considering taking the leadership in terms of advancing this program by agreeing to an extension? Is this among the possibilities or options of the government? I ask this in view of the fact that a lack of federal funding could have a great effect on this very valuable experiment, which is really a pilot program for the development of teaching methods in second language training in other jurisdictions aside from Ontario and the national capital area.

Mr. Faulkner: Mr. Speaker, I am sure the hon. member would want to be fair.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Faulkner: I am prepared to make that assumption for the moment. The hon. member surely knows that program would never have happened in Ottawa if it had not been for federal leadership.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Faulkner: We paid the total shot for that two year program.

An. hon. Member: Who is "we"?

Mr. Faulkner: The federal government, the taxpayers of Canada. That should be recognized by members opposite. The other point, and I am sure the hon. member is as aware of that as I am, is that we are prepared to continue to pay 9 per cent of the additional cost of an extended French program. If the boards of education are saying to the federal government and to the provincial governments that that does not cover the cost, let them identify the cost. That is what the discussion on Monday will be all about.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to concede to the minister the leadership of the federal government with regard to this matter. I commended him when he did it and I commend him now. I now ask the minister to carefully consider the effect on this program for the very reasons that he mentioned. Without the

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federal funding, that program, which is basically to benefit all of Canada, would place an unfair burden on the ratepayers of the national capital area. It is only in that regard that I ask the question.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

POSSIBILITY LOTTERY WILL BE CONTINUED AFTER GAMES

Mr. Serge Joyal (Maisonneuve-Rosemont): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Bearing in mind that during the program "In Conversation" over Montreal CFCF radio station the Prime Minister stated that the federal government is still prepared to support the province of Quebec with self-financing programs for the 1976 summer Olympic Games, could the Prime Minister tell the House whether, first of all, the Quebec premier and the Mayor of Montreal have made representations to the federal government to ask for the continuance of the Olympic lottery program after the games, second, whether the federal government would consider such a request, which would not result in a direct disbursement from the federal treasury and, third, when he expects to be able to report to the House about the possibility of continuing the Olympic lottery program after the 1976 summer games?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the House knows that the federal government has always had the attitude summed up by the hon. member as far as the Olympic Games are concerned, namely that we support self-financing programs but not the principle of taking funds from the taxpayer. These self-financing programs include lotteries and sales of stamps or gold coins. These are techniques which we are prepared to consider. I said so publicly. As recently as last summer, the House approved a new formula concerning the sale of gold coins. On the principle, the position of the government is always the same.

Practically speaking, I did not receive any urgent request on this subject from Premier Bourassa or Mayor Drapeau. However, I think there were discussions between provincial and federal officials to consider other possibilities. No specific proposal has been made to me by the Quebec government, by COJO or by the City of Montreal. Of course, my position is always the same.

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FINANCE

SUGGESTION MINISTER WITHDRAW PROPOSAL TO CHANGE REVENUE GUARANTEE ARRANGEMENT WITH PROVINCES

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. Will the Minister assure the House that he will not resubmit to the meeting of first ministers to take place in the first week of May his proposal to revamp totally and retroactively the revenue guarantee arrangements with the provinces cover-