

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I was in touch with the commissioner of the RCMP today, but I was notified, I believe last week, that the investigation has been completed and that a report is being prepared. I will have the report shortly.

DATE OF RECEIPT OF TRANSCRIPT OF PRELIMINARY  
HEARING IN HAMILTON HARBOUR MATTER—GOVERNMENT  
ACTION

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question which is more a related question than supplementary. On March 6 the minister was asked whether he has now received the eight transcripts of the preliminary hearing in the Hamilton harbour matter. Has he had a chance to review them, and what action does he intend to take?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, we have received them but I have not read all of them. I have had my officials read through them and take out the parts that were relevant, and I have examined those parts.

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[Translation]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

DATE OF DEBATE ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I want to put a question to the Solicitor General.

In view of the great interest in the public concerning the retention or the complete abolition of capital punishment, and following the minister's recent statements, can he tell the House whether he will submit this question again to Parliament during this session or during the next session?

[English]

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, no decision has been made on that; but as the hon. member knows, we must bring the issue before this parliament because the present law, which is a temporary law, expires at the end of 1977.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker—he was here and he is gone again.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM—GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR EVACUATION OF  
CANADIANS

**Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs. In light of increasing Communist preparations for an assault on Saigon, would the minister care to explain his answer of yesterday to a question of mine in which he said that it was not necessary to evacuate Canadians from Saigon as they are safe for the moment, especially since I heard over the radio this morning that Canadians are being evacuated from Saigon?

Oral Questions

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, on reviewing my answer yesterday what I should have said was Canadian personnel of our mission in Saigon. Arrangements are being made for the evacuation of other Canadians at their choice, preferably on commercial flights, but eventually we might have to put in a government plane.

VIET NAM—INQUIRY WHETHER CANADIAN FOOD AID GOING  
TO ALL AREAS OF THE COUNTRY

**Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I should like to thank the minister for the clarification of his answer yesterday. I should like to inquire whether Canadian food aid to Viet Nam is going to those areas presently under the control of the Saigon government as well as to those areas controlled by the PRG?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as my colleague the Secretary of State for External Affairs explained, our aid to Viet Nam is being channelled through international organizations. I would have to ascertain whether they are providing assistance in all parts of Viet Nam.

CONFERENCE OF OIL PRODUCING AND CONSUMING  
COUNTRIES—CANADIAN POSITION ON SUBJECTS TO BE  
DISCUSSED

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs respecting the preliminary conference on energy being held in Paris, which seems to be bogged down on the question whether the full conference should concern itself simply with petroleum and petroleum prices and problems, or whether it should include the consideration of other primary products. What has been the position of the government of Canada in regard to this issue, and what instructions has the government of Canada given?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as the Leader of the Opposition will recall, we were not invited to the preliminary conference so our point of view was not sought.

**Mr. Stanfield:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that when I raised this question previously I was told by the responsible minister that the views of the government of Canada would be expressed through and to the international energy commission, I should like to know how the acting secretary of state reconciles the answer he had given me today with the position previously taken by the spokesman of the government in this House.

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition has asked two different questions. He has asked one about the conveying of our views to a different body. I do not find that inconsistent with the fact that we are not in attendance at that preliminary conference and therefore were not asked for our views. How could we have expressed our views if we were not there?