

that has taken place and, if so, did the government decide to reverse the NEB decision until it received a satisfactory guarantee from Ontario Hydro that it intended to instal machinery at that plant capable of greatly reducing emissions which create acid rain?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, the matter has not yet come before full cabinet and therefore there has been no decision taken, conditional or otherwise.

#### INSTALLATION OF ANTI-POLLUTION DEVICES

**Hon. George Hees (Northumberland):** Madam Speaker, knowing how cabinets work and that matters which are desired to be brought before cabinet are done so very quickly, and that it now appears the government is simply not dealing with the matter in the hope that it will go away, does the Prime Minister not think it is incumbent upon him and his government to stop trying to duck this issue and face up to their responsibility of convincing the American government and people that this country is willing to adopt the same anti-pollution measures we have been so strongly urging them to adopt during the last year or two, and in this way make it possible for our two countries to wage war against acid rain successfully?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, I want to inform the hon. member that he is misrepresenting the strength of his case if he thinks I assume the matter will go away. I know as long as the hon. member is sitting in his seat the matter will not go away, and I hope that will be forever. In the meantime, the ministers most directly involved, the minister responsible for energy and the minister responsible for the environment, are discussing the matter with the intention of bringing a joint position to cabinet. Naturally, the very sound and sane representations of the hon. member will be taken into account in that deliberation.

**Mr. Hees:** Big Brother will be watching.

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#### NATIONAL UNITY

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**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and relates to an expensive and glossy publication put out by the Canadian Unity Information Office in April of this year, which contains very large extracts of comments by the Prime Minister on the Crowsnest discussion in a speech to a Liberal fund-raising campaign on March 18, 1982, in Regina. Part of this document indicates that the Prime Minister said:

The NDP, I understand, has been going up and down the province claiming that variable rates would be a part of any new formula, that the decision has already been made. Well, that is simply not true.

#### Oral Questions

How can the Prime Minister justify the distribution, at public expense, of highly partisan Liberal propaganda, especially during the month in which there was a provincial election campaign?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, the truth of the matter is that there were in the west at the time a number of people who thought the decision on variable rates had been made. The Prime Minister's purpose was to indicate that was not so. I remember that the paragraph quoted goes on to say that if western farmers do not want variable rates, they will not get variable rates. That was meant to be a reassurance to the western farmers that their views would be taken into account in this matter. As a matter of fact, if my friend reads the communique on the statement I made in Winnipeg on February 8, he will realize that part of it was left to Dr. Gilson to negotiate with the interested parties. This is what is going on now, and we expect a report in a few days.

#### TIMING OF PUBLICATION

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West):** Madam Speaker, I think the minister missed the whole point of my question, which is that this is clearly a partisan political position being put forward on behalf of the Liberal Party of Canada at public expense. I am not a defender of Premier Blakeney, but I resent public moneys being used in my province for the purpose of putting the Liberal line across. We saw the results on April 26.

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** That brochure also says:

Understandably, Premier Blakeney now finds this to be an inconvenient time to display this earlier realism.

Is it the Prime Minister's intention to have this kind of publication put out in each province before each provincial election, so that the Liberal Party's position can be put before the electorate at public expense?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, the hon. member is misinformed. I am informed that this publication came out after the election, not during it as the hon. member has suggested.

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#### PORTS

FINANCING OF GRAIN ELEVATOR AT PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport regarding the problems the Prince Rupert grain consortium is having in obtaining financing for the elevator at Prince Rupert. As the minister knows, that consortium considers the likelihood of obtaining that financing to be only 50-50. Since Alberta is carrying 75 per cent of the cost with a \$200-million loan at 11.5 per cent, and \$25 million of the cost in excess of \$260 million, would the minister be so good as to advise this House what luck he has