

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Blaikie:** Do you always carry Ed's letters around?

## PROVISIONS OF ELECTION EXPENSES ACT

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the same Minister. Contrary to what the Minister says, when the New Democratic Party has mailed into St. John's East after the writs have been dropped, the New Democratic Party has paid for the mailings. In the spirit of the Election Expenses Act, will the Minister now do the right thing by the Canadian taxpayer and charge the cost of that TV program and that mailing to the Conservative Party rather than the Canadian taxpayer?

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I have in my hand a pamphlet which sets out the facts in the Canada-France fishing boundary dispute.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Who paid for it?

**Mr. Crosbie:** It was paid for by the Government because it sets out information which every Newfoundlander is interested in having, not the half-truths and specious nonsense which the NDP has spouted. In this hand I have the frank of the Leader of the New Democratic Party who said, "I hope you will work with me to elect a New Democratic Member of Parliament". That was paid for with the taxpayers' money.

There is nothing in here about voting for any Party. This gives the facts about the fishery. This is an election cry asking them to vote for the New Democratic Party. I will accept your apology humbly when it is offered.

**Mr. Murphy:** What's the date on it?

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## REFUGEES

## ENTRY OF CHILEAN GROUP

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration. It is with regard to the human desperation which I witnessed yesterday during my visit with the 20 Chilean refugees in Montreal whose families are stranded by this Government in Argentina.

Given that their families were caught in transit while the administrative changes were being announced in Ottawa and that no period of grace was accorded, and given that the United Nations High Commission on Refugees has deemed them to be bona fide refugees, will the Government not admit its mistake, stop any further procrastination, and allow these individuals to enter the country and rejoin their families here?

[Translation]

**Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Last week, Mr. Speaker, referring to the case of Chileans in Montreal, the Minister of State Immigration explained how we are proceeding, particularly with respect to those who are now in Buenos Aires. I think he was very clear and I fully endorse his statement.

On February 20 we set up and applied control measures. We are now making every effort required to try to define exactly the situation of those people and, if they are authentic refugees, they will have the right and opportunity to come or come back to Canada. We are simply applying the measures, and again I repeat that we are doing what we are supposed to do and what we announced two weeks ago we were going to do.

[English]

**Mr. Marchi:** Mr. Speaker, the Minister and his Government should stop manipulating public opinion and inciting the backlash which we are seeing in certain parts of the country.

[Translation]

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT SHOW COMPASSION AND JUSTICE

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister if instead of denouncing the hunger strike he might deal with what caused it in the first place, namely people stuck in transit, people who are genuine refugees, and people who want to be re-united with their relatives. When will the Minister show the compassion and justice to which the Prime Minister was referring last summer?

[English]

**Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member talked about compassion and help for the refugees. I would like to have more from the Liberal Party in particular. Last summer when we asked this Party what its position was on refugees, the Member told us we could open refugee camps.

**Mr. Marchi:** That's not true.

**Mr. Bouchard:** I listened to you. Can you please listen to me? Yesterday the Member was in Montreal. He needs more than photos with the people.

**Mr. Marchi:** Why don't you go visit them rather than going to Florida?

**Mr. Bouchard:** We need to know more. Where do you stand?

**Mr. Marchi:** Why don't you go visit them rather than going on holidays?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, the Hon. Member for Abitibi.