

Oral Questions

FISHERIES

REASON FOR LACK OF PATROLS BY FISHERIES VESSELS ON THE WEST COAST

Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State (Fisheries). On June 14, page 14452 of *Hansard*, speaking of fishing patrols, the minister said:

I said in Montreal, and I say here, that we are doubling the level of boardings and inspections this year.

On the west coast the number of patrols by fisheries patrol vessels has dropped to zero. Can the minister give the House any assurance that he can find sufficient funds to resume the patrols that are required to maintain our sovereignty out to the 12 mile limit?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the hon. member would not want to mislead the House. I will of course take his question very seriously and look into the facts. I suspect what may have happened is that DND patrolling is taking place in some cases while Department of the Environment and Fisheries patrols are not. I will have to look at the facts. I suspect the hon. member is probably confusing the two.

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Mr. McKinnon: I hope I am not confusing the minister. My question was about fisheries patrol vessels, not about DND vessels, with whose movements I am familiar. On the West Coast, the *Laurier* has been docked for over a month, the *Tamu* has been docked for over two weeks and the *Howay* has been laid up since April 20, all because of a 40 per cent cut in their annual operating budget which is keeping them from their periodic refits. Can the minister seriously contend that Canada is maintaining sufficient sovereignty under these conditions, that is, with all our fisheries patrol ships tied to the dock for lack of funds?

Mr. LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent): The *Tamu* is under refit right now, which answers part of the hon. member's question. He obviously has not read the press release which indicates clearly that DND and Ministry of Transport vessels are undertaking patrol activities on our behalf and, as such, can be called fisheries patrol vessels since they are doing this job for us.

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PUBLIC WORKS

ALLEGED LEASING BY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS BEFORE CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Ron Huntington (Capilano): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Public Works. Can he advise the House whether it is a practice of the Department of Public Works to agree in principle to lease buildings on which construction has not commenced and on land which the builder does not, at the time of the agreement, own?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works): That would be a rather strange lease agreement.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Huntington: It would, indeed, be a strange agreement. In the light of that answer could the hon. gentleman explain the minutes of the National Capital Commission Advisory Committee on Design of June 2, 1975, which state: "Campeau Corporation assembled the land for development before the NCC—"

Mr. Speaker: Order. A question of that sort which relates to an event in June, 1975 ought surely to be raised another way.

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MULTICULTURALISM

LACK OF WORK PERMITS BY FOREIGN STUDENTS WORKING ON PROJECTS

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, now that the Secretary of State has had an opportunity to travel to London to consult with his officials there regarding the activities of the London office, may I ask him whether he was correctly quoted in the *London Free Press* on Saturday as stating that his officials in London probably knew that two foreign students working on a government-funded project did not hold Canadian work permits and, if so, does he not feel they had a responsibility to bring this possible violation of the law to the attention of the proper authorities?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): What I pointed out to the reporter was that my officials had warned the two students involved that they were obliged to have work permits before they could work on a student community service project. I also pointed out that it was the responsibility of those administering the project, not only in London but right across the country, when they were hiring foreign students, to make sure they had work visas.

GIVING OF SECOND GRANT TO PERSON WHO HAD NOT COMPLETED FIRST PROJECT—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Is the Secretary of State correctly quoted in the *London Free Press* to the effect that although the individual who last year received a government grant to prepare a film and a saleable book on the London Polish community by September, 1975 has so far completed nothing more than an essay for one of his professors, the fact that the church which helped him sponsor the project has not complained satisfies his concern? Or does he feel it was questionable for his department to give this individual a second grant this year in connection with another project?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): No, Mr. Speaker. I spent some time talking to Father Peter who is the priest at the church concerned and who signed the submission. He pointed out to me that the submission was made to some 20 or 30 members of the Parish Council who debated the merits of the proposal, discussed whether the individual who applied was one they should support, who questioned whether or not he was too young, and so on. They satisfied themselves the project was all right and