

the hon. member refers. If I could have a look at it I would be happy to make further inquiries.

[Later:]

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might rise on a question of privilege relating to the confrontation between the Minister of Justice and myself?

An hon. Member: Why don't you sit down?

Mr. Woolliams: I don't know why anybody should say: "Why don't you sit down". I would think the Minister of Justice would wish the figures to be correct. I would like them to be correct. It would only take a minute to put them on the record.

On December 11, 1974 I received an answer to a written question, No. 1,008. It asked:

Since 1968, how many convictions for capital murder were there as a result of the killing of police officers . . .

I went on to ask whether all those who had been convicted had received the benefit of commutation of sentences under the Royal prerogative. I talked about the eight, and the one of the prison guard. This was the answer given by the Solicitor General:

Mr. Speaker, the answer to this question is ten—nine convicted for the murder of police officers and one for the murder of a prison guard. In five instances the death sentences were commuted to life imprisonment. The remaining five cases are not yet subject to confirmation of sentences or commutation since appeals are still before the courts.

When I referred to nine police officers, I used the proper figure.

Mr. Lang: And when I said that five sentences had been commuted, it is clear I used the proper figure.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF OIL PRODUCING
COUNTRIES ON PRICE AND ALLOCATION OF SUPPLIES—
GOVERNMENT POSITION

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that we are now in the oil business, may I ask whether the Secretary of State for External Affairs has received information from any country concerning a proposed new conference between the oil consumers of the world and the oil producers for the purpose of setting a world price and allocating supplies?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): As the hon. member knows, the International Energy Agency is meeting, I think, today. As I understand the proposals which have been made public this week by Dr. Kissinger, proposals which are to be put forward by the United States authorities at this meeting, including the suggestion that there be a floor price for oil, these have not yet been considered by the Government of Canada, nor have we issued instructions to our representative to deal with them at the meeting.

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Has the minister received information from any of Canada's ambassadors around the world, particularly from our

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ambassador in the United States, as to the type of formula which the producing nations will be putting forward for the setting of prices?

Mr. MacEachen: No, I have no information as to any formula.

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ENERGY

SYNCRUDE PROJECT—FORMULA FOR SELLING PRICE OF
PRODUCT

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): May I direct a question to the Prime Minister arising out of the agreement the government, along with the governments of Alberta and Ontario, has reached with the Syncrude consortium? The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has stated that one of the terms of the agreement is that the price to be set for the product of the Syncrude plant will be an internationally-oriented price. In view of the tremendous importance of this decision to the Canadian people, and since it will probably set a pattern for the price of all oil produced in the tar sands, may I ask the right hon. gentleman what the agreement specifies as to the formula by which an internationally-oriented price will be determined?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I personally do not know whether such a formula exists. I will inquire. I would be inclined to believe that it is the type of formula that allows a little flexibility of the sort that permits negotiations between the parties. I will inquire and find out if there is a formula.

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Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since I assumed that the cabinet agreed to this formula, it is difficult for me to understand why the government does not know what kind of price will be levied on the Canadian people for millions of barrels of oil in the future. Does this mean that the Montreal price, plus transportation, say, from Montreal to Toronto, is the price that the Canadian people will be charged, and that this price will be paid to the Syncrude company, or is this the price that will be paid to the partners who take delivery of the oil?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member gave one example of what I would describe as an internationally oriented price. There are other examples that are possible. I repeat that the hon. member's assumption is wrong. There was no such formula agreed to by cabinet; it was a formulation rather than a formula.

SYNCRUDE PROJECT—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF
AGREEMENT WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): A final supplementary, Mr. Speaker. In view of the repercussions that this may have for Canadians in the future and that the price they are to pay is going to depend upon a formulation of words, it is important to know something