

USE OF REGIONAL RATHER THAN NATIONAL PAY
SCALES IN BARGAINING—POSITION OF FORMER
GOVERNMENTS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the President of the Treasury Board a supplementary question arising out of his statement that this has been the policy of successive governments. How many governments in Canada have been moving away from the national scale policy?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am not sure whether this question was presented in the form of an argument. I may have misunderstood the question asked by the hon. member. If I did misunderstand, the minister may reply to it briefly. He will be recognized for that purpose.

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, as collective bargaining has only been in operation since 1967, the answer is two.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Both Liberal.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

POSSIBILITY OF LOCATING MR. AND MRS. GEOFFROY
FOR RETURN TO CANADA TO FACE CHARGES—ISSUANCE
OF WARRANT FOR MRS. GEOFFROY

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): In light of the statement just made by the Acting Prime Minister, and I want to do this properly, from the investigation that has been made is the minister now able to report progress in ascertaining where Geoffroy escaped to, what plane he took, if any, who accompanied him and if he is residing in a nation where extradition would apply? The minister told us today that the lady in question is being charged with certain offences. Was that done because of knowledge it will be possible to bring these people back to justice?

An hon. Member: Oh, oh!

Mr. Woolliams: Will the member for Calgary South keep quiet.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Broadly speaking, Mr. Speaker, I think the answer to the question is yes. We are very anxious to get Geoffroy and his wife back—Mr. Geoffroy back in prison and Madame Geoffroy to stand trial on the accusations which have been made.

Mr. Woolliams: I am sorry, I did not hear. There was a little noise. Did I understand the minister to say he has knowledge where these people are and, through the administration of justice, is in the act of having them returned to Canada?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I said I agreed with the hon. member that we are trying to get them back. I do not personally know, and I do not know whether the police in the course of their investigation want to reveal their suspicions, because their desire, of course, is not to feed public curiosity but to get the Geoffroys back.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): A supplementary question. In view of the fact that these four counts have been laid against Madame Geoffroy, can the Secretary of State for External Affairs advise the House whether a warrant for her arrest has been issued and whether such warrant is Canada-wide?

Mr. Sharp: Yes, Mr. Speaker, there has been a—
[Translation]

A warrant for his arrest was also issued.

RELEASE OF YVES GEOFFROY FROM ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL PENITENTIARY—SUGGESTION THAT MR. RICHER
BE CONTACTED

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Following the statement he just made, would the minister say if consecutive to Mr. Richer's assertion reported in today's newspapers his department has tried to arrange a meeting with Mr. Richer or has given any instructions to this effect in order to find out exactly where the fugitives are?

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): The answer is no, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Ricard: You are not trying to get him.

RELEASE OF YVES GEOFFROY FROM ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL PENITENTIARY—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF
PASSPORT APPLICATION AND RELATED
CORRESPONDENCE

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): I would like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether he will table in the House the passport application for Geoffroy under whatever pseudonym he appeared so that we can find out who was the guarantor? Also, will he table the correspondence showing the address to which the passport was sent and any correspondence with the department in which Mr. Denis of Rivard fame participated? I ask this because once charges are laid the government might very well suggest that we cannot discuss this matter any more. If the minister will just table these documents, no harm will be done.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The minister may wish to reply to the question, but I remind hon. members there are only three minutes remaining in the question period. I see that some of our distinguished colleagues are getting very impatient.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): May I reply briefly, Mr. Speaker, and say to the right hon. gentleman that I would like to give consideration to his question.

An hon. Member: I bet you would.

Mr. Sharp: It is a serious question. There are aspects of it that I do not think the right hon. gentleman quite