

*Oral Questions*

I will be glad to take the suggestion under notice, but traditionally this has been a matter of provincial jurisdiction, as the hon. gentleman will recall from the practice in his own province.

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**VETERANS AFFAIRS**

RECIPIENTS OF WAR VETERAN ALLOWANCE, OLD AGE SECURITY AND GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT—PROVISION OF COST OF LIVING INCREASES

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Can the minister say whether the necessary steps have now been taken so that veterans who are receiving both old age security and the guaranteed income supplement on the one hand, and war veterans allowance on the other, will receive the cost of living increases that take place in both those payments this month?

**Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** The answer is yes, Mr. Speaker.

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

GARRISON WATER DIVERSION PROJECT, NORTH DAKOTA—REPLY TO CANADIAN REPRESENTATIONS

**Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs related to a question asked him approximately three weeks ago dealing with the proposal in the United States to build the Garrison dam project which has quite far-reaching implications for Manitoba. Has the minister received word from the United States on whether or not the U.S. government is going ahead with the project? If he has not received word, why has there been no communication between Canada and the United States on this matter?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the House will recall that I did mention that a note had been transmitted to the United States setting out our concerns in this matter. We have not yet received a reply but I am given to understand that we may expect one this month.

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the International Joint Commission been seized of this problem, and is it negotiating directly with the United States counterparts so that this danger to Canadian boundary waters might be averted?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, the International Joint Commission is not automatically involved in this matter. We have chosen for the time being to deal with it at an intergovernmental level. The other question can remain open for consideration.

[Mr. MacDonald (Rosedale).]

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, I have a short supplementary. Would the minister assure the House, and consequently the country, that if the House of Commons is not sitting when the minister or his department receives word, it will be made public as soon as possible so that all interested parties may know what negotiations have taken place?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I will certainly give that very serious consideration, but I would hesitate to give an outright commitment until I have had an opportunity to see the reply that we receive.

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**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

BANNING OF TELEVISION PLAY BY MORDECAI RICHLER

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. I wonder whether the Secretary of State would inform the management of the CBC that many Canadians would like a chance to judge the merits of a television play by Mordecai Richler without having the CBC make that judgment for them?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I am receiving all kinds of advice as to my answer. Yes, I would be pleased to pass on that representation, but I can assure the hon. member that this matter is now being reviewed by the CBC.

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**MANPOWER**

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—ALLEGED DELAY IN ANNOUNCING GRANTS

**Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the absolute confusion and indescribable tardiness of the minister's department in announcing LIP grants for 1974 and extensions of 1973 grants, to such a point that British Columbia has announced it is opting out of the program, can the minister inform the House what he intends to do to clean up this mess in his department?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, with the exception of a very few, all LIP approvals which will be made have now been announced. Some 3,234 applications have been approved involving some 602,000 man-weeks of work. The last few dozen or so pending are subject to some controversy which will be cleaned up very shortly.