

the world market, or is it also including the 15 per cent increase in the price of oil that is now being talked about?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I was listening carefully to the hon. gentleman but I missed his first few words. I wonder if he would mind repeating the question.

Mr. Gillies: Mr. Speaker, in the discussion that is going on now for setting a domestic price for crude oil, to the extent that the international price is being considered in this discussion is the current international price a factor in which the government is interested, or is it including the anticipated 15 per cent increase that the OPEC countries have been talking about?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, perhaps it is certain in the hon. gentleman's mind that international oil prices are going up, but we have some doubts about that.

Mr. Gillies: Mr. Speaker, may I put a supplementary question to the Acting Prime Minister. Given the fact that the Minister of Finance presumably needs a set domestic price for oil before bringing down his budget, am I to understand from the answer of the Acting Prime Minister that even if the world price of oil should be adjusted upwards in September by 15 per cent there would be no change in the domestic price of Canadian crude oil?

Mr. Sharp: Well, Mr. Speaker, that is a very hypothetical question. I think the hon. gentleman will just have to wait and see what is in the budget. When we have made our decisions, we will announce them.

OIL—RELATIONSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL FLOOR PRICE AND DEVELOPMENT OF SYNCRUDE PROJECT

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, may I put a final supplementary question to the Acting Prime Minister. Given the fact that yesterday the right hon. Prime Minister said that the Canadian government had agreed in principle with the idea of a floor price and that the cabinet had in fact discussed prices—in which case I would think my question was not entirely hypothetical—is the floor price that the Canadian government is talking about a price that will ensure continued development of the Syncrude project and the development of oil out of oil sands?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, the two matters are not directly related. The decision on an international floor price might be quite different from that. The hon. gentleman knows that what was said about Syncrude was said about Syncrude and not about oil prices generally.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE VIETNAMESE ART TREASURES NOT CONSIGNED TO GENERAL DANG VAN QUANG

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State for External Affairs I should like to address my question

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either to the Acting Prime Minister or to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. We have been hearing these last few days stories about a vast consignment of archeological and artistic treasures that have been smuggled out of South Viet Nam and have now been sent en route to their "owner", at present a refugee in Canada living in Montreal. Can the Acting Prime Minister or the Minister of Manpower and Immigration assure this House that that consignment of \$150 million worth of treasure, presumably belonging to the Vietnamese people, is not consigned to General Dang Van Quang, whose presence in Canada alone has caused sufficient consternation among the Canadian people?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, there is indeed a great deal of confusion. Any information that I have with regard to these reported art treasures moving from Guam to Canada has not, so far at least, involved in any way Lieutenant-General Quang; that is a separate problem altogether. The only information that I can give the hon. member and the House is this. This information has come to me by way of public allegation; no evidence has been presented to me or, as far as I know, to any other member of the government.

The case involves one Dao Dip Khanh who has been a landed immigrant in Canada since 1971. She returned to Viet Nam and married one Vo Duc Dien. She returned to Canada recently as a returned resident, which she is entitled to do as a landed immigrant. Her husband is somewhere in the United States. She does not know where at the present time, but she knows her husband is sending her personal effects to her, valued at \$100,000 by the report that we have had. She lives at this time with her father in Montreal who is also a landed immigrant and has been for sometime. She is coming into our Montreal office this afternoon to discuss the matter. As of now, the information I have would indicate that the other allegations really are not founded on any statement that we have been able to obtain to this time, but we will be continuing to follow this in light of suggestions which have been made through unofficial channels.

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NATIONAL REVENUE

AVAILABILITY OF MEASURES TO DEAL WITH VIETNAMESE ART TREASURES UPON ENTRY INTO CANADA

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, can the Minister of National Revenue say that he has in hand measures to deal with this treasure when it shows up at the Canadian border as "household effects" destined to a refugee from Viet Nam?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, as in the case of anything that arrives at the border for anyone, it would be handled pursuant to Canadian laws that apply.