

Oral Questions

In view of the fact that present revaluations of the Deutschmark and the yen will not solve our present monetary problems, and since the price pressures in Canada caused by the higher mark and yen will tend to pyramid, will customs duties on imports from these countries be charged at fair value or will they move up with the revalued currencies and thereby increase the cost of food, clothing and other imports from these countries?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I certainly do not feel competent to answer that question at this time and would in all humility want to get advice before answering it. I think it would be a matter of policy that would be announced in the usual way if there were to be a change.

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HOUSING**MONTREAL NORTH—APPROVAL OF WAR VETERANS OCCUPYING PROJECT BEFORE SALE**

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, my question is related to the question asked by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe of the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Following his investigation of the report that CMHC intends to sell this 636 unit building now occupied in the main by veterans, will he assure the House that it will not be sold unless a clear majority of the veterans currently occupying the building as tenants approve of the sale?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I will look into that.

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ENERGY**OIL AND GAS LAND LEASING IN NORTHERN CANADA—REQUEST THAT WRITTEN QUESTION BE ANSWERED**

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the very serious allegations we have heard this last week about the disposal of oil and gas lease lands under the jurisdiction of the minister, will he take a personal interest in seeing if he can expedite an answer to my written question dated March 2, No. 1392, which asks for information on this subject?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I shall be happy to try to give a reply in the House as soon as possible.

[Mr. Crouse.]

[English]

AIR CANADA**EXPLOSION AND FIRE ON FLIGHT 141, TORONTO TO CALGARY—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT**

Mr. Ken Hurlburt (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport and clearly affects the lives of thousands of Canadians. On Friday night last an explosion and fire occurred on flight 141 from Toronto to Calgary. I was on that flight and it was reported to me that engine trouble had been reported in Montreal. I notice there has been no coverage by the media as they were not informed of the accident. I ask the minister to inquire and report to the House whether there was trouble on that flight that was not corrected, whether news of this accident was withheld from the media, and also indicate the number of in-flight motor failures there have been in the past year?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, considering the importance of the incident because of the presence of our colleague on board, I will inquire immediately and try to get a report.

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AGRICULTURE**POSSIBILITY OF INCREASE IN INDUSTRIAL MILK SUBSIDY AND BUTTER SUPPORT PRICE**

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Is he planning to announce an increase in the federal subsidy for industrial milk production and also in respect of the support price for butter? It seems unnecessary to me that in Canada production of milk products should fall below domestic requirements.

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member will have to be patient for a little while. No matter how high we raise quotas or increase prices, the cattle must have the right kind of weather in order to be productive.

Mr. McKinley: Mr. Speaker, I realize that the minister will probably be making an announcement in this regard in a few days. When he makes that announcement, would he project dairy policy farther than just one year in order that producers can plan their production better?

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**INSTRUCTIONS TO NARCOTICS SQUAD TO INTENSIFY ENFORCEMENT RESPECTING DRUG TRAFFICKERS—ESTABLISHMENT OF REHABILITATION CENTRES**

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Solicitor General. In light of the fact the Minister of National Health and Welfare suppressed a report and statistics in respect of the use of hard drugs, and as there has been an increase