

*Oral Questions*

Canadian and United States officials have had talks on this important matter?

**Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, we have gone very much beyond the note to the United States authorities. We are now in the process of handing to the International Joint Commission a joint reference with the U.S.A. about the Garrison Diversion unit which calls for such measures including modifications to the Garrison project.

**Mr. Murta:** I should like to ask the minister if she can outline briefly what the terms of reference on the Garrison Diversion project will be to the International Joint Commission and if she has any further information to add.

**Mrs. Sauvé:** The reference to the International Joint Commission outlines the fact that we are not satisfied that the project as conceived will not do damage to Canadian property or the Canadian environment. Therefore, we state that we feel that a new assessment of this project must take place and that modifications must be envisaged in order to ensure that the United States will really fulfil its obligations under the Boundary Waters Treaty.

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**INDIAN AFFAIRS****ALLEGED REFUSAL OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR AT WINNIPEG TO MEET WITH INDIAN BROTHERHOOD—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

**Mr. Dean Whiteway (Selkirk):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and it stems from the incident which took place in Winnipeg about a month ago in which the regional director walked out of a meeting just prior to the presentation by the vice-president of the National Indian Brotherhood. When asked by the press why he was leaving, he said he had heard it all before. Would the minister indicate to the House whether he has reprimanded the department or whether he concurs with the action, or what the future performance of the department will be with reference to such a meeting?

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I have not reprimanded the departmental officials. It seems to me that there are more logical and sensible ways to try to deal with these matters than barging into meetings. That is the reason we have established the joint committee of the cabinet and National Indian Brotherhood as the committee to deal with these problems. If it is a grave concern, that is the logical place in which to deal with it rather than barging into regional directors' meetings.

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**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF LIP PROJECTS BY PROVINCES IN VIEW OF ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM**

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance.

Since generally speaking the provinces seem to join in the collective effort all Canadians must do to stop infla-

[Mr. Murta.]

tion, according to the guidelines of Bill C-73, can the minister tell the House if provinces, or a particular province, have expressed the intent to cancel LIP projects for their area in 1975-76, in line with this will to cut the expenses?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I will meet with my provincial counterparts on Wednesday and Thursday, and I might have on this occasion an indication by the ministers about their intents in relation to the general program.

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**AGRICULTURE****EFFECT OF ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM ON COST OF IMPORTED FARM MACHINERY—CONSULTATION WITH UNITED STATES**

**Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the minister's statement made to the agricultural undergraduate society of the University of British Columbia that controls on industry will hold down farmers' costs of production, and in view of the fact that a large portion of growing farm operation costs is due to the ever rising price of imported farm machinery, was the minister's statement a result of discussions he had with Henry Kissinger during his Ottawa visit or with any other representative of the government of the United States?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, these statements were made on the basis of facts.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**An hon. Member:** That's a joke!

**Mr. Towers:** Will the minister inform the House what the results were of the discussions he had on the costs of production of farm equipment?

**Mr. Whelan:** I have had many discussions regarding the farm machinery industry. I think that, because of free trade, we have lost a big portion of our farm machinery industry. I mentioned it to Mr. Kissinger when he was here.

**EFFECT OF PRICE GUIDELINES ON MARKETING BOARDS**

**Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture and it relates to the applicability of guidelines or controls to farm marketing boards. Can the minister tell the House whether it is the position of the government that farm marketing boards could not increase the price of the commodities they sell beyond the increased production costs of those producers who make up the membership of that particular farm marketing board. Is that the test that will be applied?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, first, it should be made clear to the House that there are very few marketing boards that set the price. They do not have that authority. We only have three federal boards which set prices for commodities, the