LABOUR RELATIONS

DISPUTE BETWEEN HUDSON BAY MINING AND SMELTING COMPANY AND EMPLOYEES—PROVISION OF MEDIATOR

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour related to the work stoppage at Flin Flon, Manitoba, which is approaching two months. I understand that a mediator has been appointed to visit the area and discuss the matter with both parties. Can the minister say whether either or both parties have indicated that they will accept the mediator and co-operate in this regard?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Yes, Mr. Speaker. The suggestion that a federal mediator be sent to the area was accepted readily by both sides, and I believe the mediator will hold his initial meeting on March 22.

YOUTH

EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS IN ANTI-POLLUTION CAMPAIGN

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State. In view of the statement by the Acting Prime Minister on March 3 that the government plans to mobilize students for a pollution clean-up campaign, can the minister now say whether the details of this plan have been worked out?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I believe there will be a statement tomorrow about the whole program, including this aspect.

[English]

Mr. Nystrom: In view of the over-all high level of unemployment in Canada, can the minister indicate whether the government is now planning for student-oriented jobs so that students will not be in direct competition with regular workers for these positions?

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have taken that aspect into consideration when developing a program of summer employment for students.

OIL

SUGGESTED CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE FROM WESTERN TO EASTERN CANADA

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

In view of the tax just imposed by Venezuela on crude oil, and of the fact that Canadian imports of crude oil from this country amount to more than 60 per cent of our imports, especially in the eastern part of Quebec and of Canada, is the Canadian government considering listening more closely to those who call for the construction of

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a pipeline to move oil from the Canadian West to eastern Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the minister already had the chance to comment on this matter, but the hon. member is aware that oil from western Canada sells at a much higher price than oil from Venezuela, and it is not sure that the people of Quebec would benefit.

[English]

HEALTH.

PRESENCE OF CANCER CAUSING SUBSTANCE, DEMETHYLNITROSAMINE, IN FOOD

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Last Thursday, in his absence from the House, I asked the Acting Prime Minister to bring my question to his attention so that he might make a statement on motions in the House. I asked whether, in view of the recent revelation that the cancer causing substance, demethyl-nitrosamine, has been found in food products, the Acting Prime Minister would convey to the Minister of National Health and Welfare the great concern of the public over this matter. I also suggested to him that the minister might make a statement on Monday. This is a matter of great concern. A tremendous number of people are anxious about this problem. They do not know what is happening. I think the government owes it to the House to say what the present situation is with regard to this material.

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I will endeavour to make a statement on this matter this week. I have it ready and I will endeavour to make it.

EXTENT OF PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON CIGARETTE ADVERTISING

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Will restrictions on the advertising of tobacco apply only to the electronic media such as radio and television?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the government's position in this whole area will be made known very shortly, including this aspect of it.

AGRICULTURE

FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING BILL—SUGGESTED CHANGES TO MEET REQUESTS OF WESTERN CANADA

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Recently changes were made in the proposed new Unemployment Insurance Act to meet the requests of the province of Quebec. Is the Prime Minister now prepared to allow the agricultural bill, C-176, to be changed so as to meet the requests of western Canada.