

ENERGY

POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED GAS AND OIL EXPORTS
THROUGH SARNIA TO MICHIGAN CAUSING SHORTAGE—
RELATIONSHIP TO PROPOSED PRICE INCREASES

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Can the minister indicate whether the tremendously increased exports of gas and oil from Sarnia into the state of Michigan could cause a gas shortage in Canada and Ontario in particular, and is this a factor in the announced intention of the three major oil companies to increase the price of their products in Canada?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): I should like to check the accuracy of the facts about export from Sarnia, but I would be glad to respond to the hon. member's question.

POSSIBLE RESEARCH INTO FORMS FROM
NON-CONVENTIONAL SOURCES IN CONJUNCTION WITH
ONTARIO

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): My question is to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Mr. Speaker, and deals with the policy intentions of the government of Ontario on energy. In spite of the difficulties the French translators are having in translating the policy papers the minister is preparing, would the minister consider announcing right away whether he is willing to join with the province of Ontario in the research that is so necessary into forms of energy from non-conventional sources?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I should like to reflect on what has been said in the policy papers. There is a very substantial requirement for research on energy sources already developed. I am not sure whether under the circumstances we would prefer to devote research resources to new and novel sources or deal with some of the questions we now have before us, for example, the development of the tar sands.

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Has the minister made an offer to the Ontario government to sell the stockpile of uranium reserves so they can build up their own supply for security purposes?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): No, Sir.

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HEALTH

MEASURES TO COMBAT VENEREAL DISEASE—
DISCUSSION BY CONFERENCE OF DEPUTY MINISTERS

Mr. J. R. Holmes (Lambton-Kent): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the admission of the minister recently that venereal disease has almost reached epidemic proportions, can the minister assure the House that measures to combat venereal disease will be on the agenda of this week's health ministers' conference?

Oral Questions

[Translation]

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, health ministers are not meeting this week. However, health deputy ministers, that is the Dominion Council of Health, will be meeting and this matter will be put on the agenda of this conference.

[English]

[Later:]

Mr. Holmes: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary to my question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Could the minister indicate whether the government has prepared any specific program or financial or fiscal arrangements to propose to the provinces at the forthcoming conference?

Mr. Lalonde: No, Mr. Speaker.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PLAN OF CERTAIN NATO COUNTRIES TO URGE AT NEXT
MEETING THAT MEMBERS DO NOT SUPPLY ARMS TO
PORTUGAL—CANADIAN POSITION

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. At the forthcoming NATO council meeting will the minister support the plan of the new minister of foreign affairs for the Netherlands and other NATO nations to urge that NATO members do not supply arms to Portugal which might be used to suppress its colonies, Mozambique, Angola and Guinea-Bissau, in contravention of the resolution passed with the approval of Canada at the United Nations which called on the nations of the world to assist the national liberation movements of these countries in their struggle against colonialism?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, since this is already the policy of the Canadian government I will have no difficulty whatever in supporting my colleagues.

KILLING OF TWO CANADIAN GIRLS WHILE VISITING
VICTORIA FALLS—APOLOGY BY PRESIDENT OF ZAMBIA—
PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Can the minister tell the House if an official apology has been received from the President of the Republic of Zambia? If so, has this apology been dispatched to the families of the two Canadian girls who met their tragic deaths at the hands of Zambian soldiers, and was any form of compensation offered to the families?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have here a copy of a letter written by the President of Zambia to Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, the mother and father of one of the girls killed in this tragic incident. The president says in part: