

HEALTH

ALLEGED NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCY AMONG PEOPLE OF
FOUR PROVINCES—REQUEST FOR DATA AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD PROGRAM

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the statement by the co-ordinator of the Nutrition Canada survey that there is an urgent need to inform four provinces of serious nutritional deficiencies among their citizens, can the minister identify the four provinces to which Dr. Sabry refers and can he assure the House that relevant nutritional data will be made available, without waiting for the final report, first to these four provinces and then to areas in others where serious nutritional problems have been identified?

[Translation]

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I am unable to identify the four provinces concerned, but I am told that they have been advised of the results of the inquiry inasmuch as they are concerned.

With regard to the third part of the question, the information will be given each one of the provinces as it becomes available and, as I indicated to the House, the government intends to publish all the documents and findings of the study when it has been completed across Canada, that is towards mid-October, we hope.

[English]

Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): In view of Dr. Sabry's statement and in view of the fact that medical research has linked poor nutrition to mental retardation and low resistance to disease, is the government willing to take the initiative in establishing a food for people program which will guarantee an adequate level of nutrition as a basic right of every Canadian?

[Translation]

Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Speaker, with regard to the problem mentioned by the hon. member, I feel it would be advisable to wait till the survey has been completed across Canada before reaching very exact conclusions. Concerning the implementation of a program similar to that the hon. member spoke of, I feel the topic should be the subject of much more elaborate discussions. A similar program, applied in the United States for years, has been the object of many attacks and criticisms to the effect that it is far from efficient.

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PENITENTIARIES

ERECTION OF SIGNS IN COWANSVILLE

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the hon. Solicitor General.

In view of the many escapes that have taken place in the last few days, particularly from the Cowansville penitentiary, and in view of the fact that in the surroundings of this town there are signs along the roads that read: "Watch for prisoners crossing", can the hon. minister say if it was

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he who asked the Quebec Minister of Roads to put up the signs?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Not yet, Mr. Speaker.

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TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PROPOSED ROUTE FOR
TANKERS OFF NOVA SCOTIA COAST

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the importance of providing protection to the environment and fisheries of Atlantic Canada, will the minister make a statement on motions concerning his "proposed off-Nova Scotia vessel routing scheme", which was item 8 on the agenda of the meeting held by his officials in Halifax on May 9, 1973?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, as I said yesterday, I am expecting a formal report from my officials. When I receive this report I will see whether it will be worth while to make a statement on motions. I must underline the fact that the main purpose of the Halifax meeting was safety of navigation, not fisheries.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I bring to the attention of hon. members that there are four minutes before the end of the question period. We have had so many supplementaries again today that we have spent almost all of the question period on the first three or four questions with these countless supplementaries.

Mr. Crouse: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary will be brief. In view of the opposition by fishermen and others to the 10 mile wide shipping corridor which cuts right through the inshore fishery banks off Nova Scotia, will the minister consider a new tanker route which will follow the 100 fathom line parallel to the coast of Nova Scotia and which will put supertankers and other tankers off our coast where 99 per cent of our fishermen would not be affected?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, we will do our utmost to protect the interests of our fishermen. I think the Department of the Environment is also interested in this matter. I think the hon. member's representation was fitting and I think we can succeed in this regard. I again state to the hon. member that the Halifax meeting was more concerned with navigational safety than anything else.

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WINNING OF ALLEN CUP BY ORILLIA HOCKEY TEAM—
REQUEST FOR LARGER GRANTS

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address my question to the Minister of National Health