

Oral Questions

[Translation]

Mr. Wagner: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

As the minister refuses to meet Mr. Neto, could he not initiate a movement centered essentially among nations of the same size as Canada, to alert NATO or other organizations so that justice be done to the inhabitants of the territories concerned?

[English]

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Neto will be received by officials of my department. I gave an answer yesterday about our attitude toward Portuguese colonial policy that I am sure satisfied him, too.

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[Later:]

AGRICULTURE

REASON FOR CABINET NOT MEETING EXECUTIVE OF
NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the fact that executives of the National Farmers Union, which represents thousands of producers in the food industry in this country, are in town all week, and in view of the fact they represent thousands of independent producers, not the food processing industries and others, can the Prime Minister inform the House why his cabinet, in view of its meetings with the urban association last week, with the Canadian Labour Congress and many other organizations in this country, is not prepared to meet with the National Farmers Union which represents farmers from one end of Canada to the other?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this seems to be an exact repetition of a previous question. If the hon. member did not hear my answer, he might—

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: I regret to interrupt the right hon. Prime Minister—

[English]

That question was asked. I recognized the hon. member for a supplementary question. Perhaps he would like to rephrase the question, but we are running short of time.

Mr. Knight: In view of the fact that this meeting is not occurring between the government of Canada and the National Farmers Union, would the Prime Minister inform the House whether he is moving jurisdiction over the Canadian Wheat Board from the minister now in charge to the Minister of Agriculture in view of the fact the only reason this meeting is not being held is the vendetta of the minister in charge of the Wheat Board—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Mr. Sharp.]

EGGS AND TURKEYS—STABILIZATION OF RETURNS TO
PRODUCERS

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the difficulties facing egg and turkey producers in Canada and the question I asked regarding eggs last week, can the minister give us any further word as to what definite proposals he has given to these two producer marketing boards so far as the stabilization of prices of those two commodities is concerned?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I met again last night with representatives of the egg producers. We are trying to work out a satisfactory program for them. I cannot tell the House what that program will be because we have not finalized it yet.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

ISSUE OF PUBLICATION IMPLYING THAT NAME OF CAPITAL
IS "OTTAWA-HULL"

Mr. Norval Horner (Battleford-Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister responsible to the House for the National Capital Commission. It arises out of a recent publication entitled "Canada's New Capital". Does the minister endorse the idea presented there that Ottawa is no longer the capital and the implication that the new name is Ottawa-Hull? Perhaps the minister could inform the House and the people of this country what is the name of our capital.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the particular brochure about which the hon. member asks was not authorized by me and I never saw it until last night. I discussed the contents of it with the chairman of the National Capital Commission today, who finds some of the wording in that brochure unfortunate—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Basford: —and not representative of the policy of the government.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

FOOD PRICES—INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO CONTROL
PROFITEERING

Mr. Paul E. McRae (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the rapidly increasing cost of food and meat in particular, and in view of the strong possibility that some groups such as the packers may in fact be making excess profits which could be a factor in such increases in food prices, is the government considering giving the Food Prices Review Board or its equivalent power to roll back these prices where it is determined that such prices are the result of excess profits?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!