

Oral Questions

Obviously the escalation of confrontation and disregard of law are no way to resolve the conflicting points of view. A few weeks ago our Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Crombie) and our Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) offered their good offices to mediate the dispute. I am pleased that over the past weekend the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development met with representatives of the Haida people and then with representatives of the Province of British Columbia and has indicated his commitment to further discussions with respect to the federal Government's involvement in the land claims process of the Haida people.

Fortunately, yesterday the Attorney General of British Columbia and representatives of the Haida people met and, from all accounts, had fruitful discussions on matters under provincial jurisdiction. A provincially appointed study group is also examining the possibilities for mixed uses in the region including logging, mining, tourism, and the protection of wilderness. The magnitude of the problem is such that a negotiated settlement is the only answer.

As we well know, a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Let us applaud all parties on being willing to take the first step.

Mr. Speaker: I regret to inform the Hon. Member that her time has expired. The Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor).

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

CALL FOR RESTORATION

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, recently thousands of people in our country were shocked and saddened when a Canadian woman and her child were murdered by terrorists in Malta. It was a dastardly act, and just punishment must be meted out at least to endeavour to ensure that such a tragedy will never happen again.

But, the terrorists in Canada are just as bad; like Brown and Peters who murdered a young wife and later a teenage girl and burned their bodies after satisfying their lust; like Clifford Robert Olson who deliberately planned and then abused and killed at least 11 boys and girls, one only nine years old.

But, what do we do with these terrorists in our country? We put them in jail, feed them the best of food, provide amusement, and even connubial trailers at the taxpayers' expense, and then, in a few years, we set them free.

The people of Canada are just as frustrated with Canadian murderers as the people of the world are with international murderers, but the bleeding hearts have taken over in Canada. They call capital punishment "revenge" when it is "deserved punishment". At least 70 per cent of the Canadian people want capital punishment restored. A dead murderer will never kill another human being.

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Let us restore capital punishment and tell the terrorists of Canada and the world that the punishment for anyone who deliberately plans and kills another human being will be death—d-e-a-t-h.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[*English*]

CROWN CORPORATIONS

SALE OF DE HAVILLAND—TERMS OF SALE

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. When I was on the West Coast I arranged a meeting in Seattle, Washington with Mr. Thornton Wilson and Mr. Frank Shrontz, the Chairman and President respectively of the Boeing Company. I arranged the meeting to discuss the purchase of de Havilland. Later I was advised that these two gentlemen did not feel free to discuss the deal because they had been advised by the Canadian Government that it would not be in their interests to do so.

Why will the Prime Minister not reveal the terms and publish the agreement of sale so that Members of Parliament and Canadians generally can see the terms of the sale? Why has his Government imposed a conspiracy of silence on the Boeing Company of Seattle?

Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, the mere fact that the President of Boeing Canada was at the press conference and freely answered questions obviously shows that the premise of the Hon. Member's question is false. There is no conspiracy of silence whatsoever.

Furthermore, we have been answering questions in the House for the last 10 days about the details of the deal. It is a deal that is good for Canada.

[*Translation*]

REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION OF ALL TERMS OF DE HAVILLAND SALE AGREEMENT

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would have thought the agreement with de Havilland was important enough for the Prime Minister to answer this question himself.

Although Canadian taxpayers are the real shareholders of de Havilland, the Government is refusing to reveal the terms of the deal to the Canadian people.

I shall repeat my question to the Prime Minister. Is he going to allow a parliamentary committee, as he promised during the election campaign, to examine all the terms of this agreement