

Oral Questions

ment, to table all documents exchanged between the government and any department of the French government that had anything to do at all with the *Greenpeace III*?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): I will take that under consideration, Mr. Speaker, but I should like to reaffirm what my colleague, the Secretary of State for External Affairs has said, that I did not nor did any of the officials at that time have any correspondence or conversations with the French government along the lines suggested.

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HOUSING

PROPOSAL TO EXTEND \$500 GRANT TO PURCHASERS OF EXISTING HOMES

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister. Will the federal government follow the example set by the province of Ontario which makes a \$1,500 grant available to first time purchasers of new or existing homes and extend their \$500 grant to purchasers of existing homes as well as new dwellings?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of our arrangement is to promote the building of new houses.

● (1450)

Mr. Darling: Will the Acting Prime Minister make recommendations to have the Minister of Finance reconsider the funding of those housing programs already underway in the provinces and for which the federal government had earlier reduced the amount of money in which they were going to share?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I will bring these representations to the attention of my colleague.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

ALLEGED OVERCHARGING BY FEED MANUFACTURING COMPANIES—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

Mr. John Wise (Elgin): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Will the minister either instruct or request his departmental officials to investigate the situation whereby it is reported that certain feed manufacturing companies which own and operate poultry processing plants are charging premium prices, some to the extent of \$20 extra per ton for their feed products sold to poultry producers?

[*Translation*]

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): I was not aware of this, Mr. Speaker, but I will find out and report to the hon. member.

[*Mr. Reynolds.*]

[*English*]

SHORTAGE OF MASON JAR LIDS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA— REQUEST FOR MONITORING OF SITUATION

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Is the Department of Consumer Affairs actively monitoring the supply of canning jar lids available to home canners in British Columbia? There are reports that supermarkets are already rationing the sale of lids to customers.

[*Translation*]

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, following the many representations made some time ago by members on this side of the House, we have instructed the officials of my department to follow this matter very closely. The reports I have received to date are quite favourable. Products are available in sufficient quantities and British Columbia consumers should not suffer this year the inconvenience they suffered last year.

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[*English*]

THE ARTS

CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF CANADA COUNCIL GRANTS

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. Will the minister inform the House whether his department has established any criteria to define what is pornographic when allocating Canada Council grants for poetry and drama, either on stage, on film or any other kind of art form?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Of course not, Mr. Speaker.

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IMMIGRATION

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING CHENG HON-KUEN

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. I bring to the attention of the minister an article in the *International Herald Tribune* in Paris dated March 6, 1975, page 5. Will he look into the allegations indicated where one who offered a bribe, Cheng Hon-kuen, had charges brought against him in return for his testimony along with a full pension and leave, back pay, a gratuity and help in emigration to Canada. I do not know whether the minister knows about this. However, will he look into this matter in order to determine whether there is any truth in this peculiar way of doing business with regard to immigration?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I was not aware of this, Mr. Speaker. I will certainly look into it. Perhaps the hon. member can save me some time by sending over a copy of the article and I will have it investigated.