conference against racism to be held in Ghana two years hence. We have, with great regret, voted aginst both resolutions because of the overall poisonous effect the adoption of the resolution on Zionism would have on the operation of these resolutions. We have to consider very carefully the participation of Canada in any activities that would flow from the adoption of these resolutions. That, of course, applies to the conference at Ghana and the decade on discrimination.

[Translation]

SUPPLY AND SERVICES

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELIVERY OF FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND OLD AGE PENSION CHEQUES IN VIEW OF POSTAL STRIKE

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Supply and Services.

In view of his reply last Friday on the postal strike, that all welfare cheques could be delivered through an urgency program, that he would invite hon. members to become acquainted with it, may I ask him what bearing this urgency program will have on family allowances and old age security cheques with a view to their being delivered to all concerned?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, the urgency program for the delivery of socioeconomic cheques, the old age pensions more particularly, and the family allowances cheques, is operating now and provides for the gradual taking over of normal postal services as soon as they become available. As for the details of the program, an invitation was sent to all hon. members to attend a briefing tomorrow, on a regional basis, with a view to asking their participation in improving the program and helping with its implementation.

[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

ALLEGATION ONE TENDERER FOR CONCESSION AT MIRABEL ATTEMPTED TO GET POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice. Is the minister aware of details of attempts to extract money for political contributions and even control of the enterprises involved in the case of at lease one of those parties which tendered for concessions at Mirabel? If so, has he been checking on this matter?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): As the hon. member knows, Mr. Speaker, he has referred certain documents to the Solicitor General, the Minister of Transport and to me. These have been referred to the appropriate law enforcement officers of the Crown who are taking action on them. We have not had a report from those law officers.

Mr. MacKay: I take it from the minister's answer that he will be inquiring further. I might tell him that I have

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access to photocopies of cheques which may be significant in this regard, particularly since they were dated—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member raised in his question a rather important point. If he has any material, I would ask him to submit it to the RCMP.

• (1430)

INCOME TAX

TAX POSITION OF SKY SHOPS' SHAREHOLDERS WHO CONTRIBUTED SHARES TO SENATOR GIGUÈRE

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue, Mr. Speaker. Could the hon. gentleman inform the House whether or not he has bothered to concern himself with the tax position of those stockholders and directors of Sky Shops Export Limited who contributed to the package of 5,000 shares for the honourable Senator Louis Giguère. If so, has he come to any conclusion in this matter?

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, in the interests of protecting the confidentiality of information received by the department, even if we had looked into the matter we would not make a statement until it became public information.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Cullen: It seems appropriate that if we are conducting an investigation we should keep it quiet.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM—ALLEGED PROVINCIAL MONITORING OF FEES OF LIMITED NUMBER OF DOCTORS AND LAWYERS

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, in the light of statements made by the Prime Minister that it would be useless for unions to negotiate pay increases larger than those permitted by the guidelines because they would all be taxed away, I should like to ask the right hon. gentleman whether he could confirm that in the discussions federal government representatives are having with the provinces in connection with guidelines for professional fees the federal government representatives have indicated that it is their intention only to monitor the 5 per cent of the doctors who have opted out of medicare and those lawyers who are members of firms where there are ten or more lawyers in the firm?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I am not aware of such a development in negotiations with the provinces. When I met the premiers they indicated they would do their best to live by the spirit of the guidelines. They have had time, now, to examine them in more detail and I am not aware of any development along the lines mentioned by the hon. member.