

*Oral Questions*  
**INDIAN AFFAIRS**

YUKON NATIVE LAND CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS—REQUEST  
FOR REPRESENTATION OF WHITE RESIDENTS ON  
FEDERAL TEAM

**Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the anxiety and concern expressed by many residents of the Yukon over the native land claims negotiations, would the minister give immediate consideration to representations made by members of the territorial council and members of the Yukon Council of Indians and other groups that an acceptable person or persons from the non-native community in the Yukon replace one or more members of the federal negotiating team, all of whom are appointed governmental officials?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, we appointed the commissioner for the Yukon as a member of the bargaining committee. He may be replaced at times by one of the elected members of the Territorial Council sitting on the executive committee. I received requests similar to that made by the hon. member and I took good note of them. If there is reason to make any changes, we shall make them in due time.

[*English*]

**Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** In view of the fact that one-half of the negotiating team is composed of native people from the Yukon and the other half are federally appointed public servants, one of whom is the commissioner, would the minister give real consideration to having the white community in the Yukon included on the negotiating team as their interests are far more germane to the negotiations than those of the deputy minister in Ottawa?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to say at the outset that there is not a single deputy minister sitting on that committee. I trust the Yukon commissioners. Another member of the team, namely the chief negotiator, is not a public servant. He is a lawyer from Victoria. Thus, I believe everybody's interests will be well safeguarded. I do not think one should stand on both sides of the fence like the hon. member.

[*English*]

**Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** He is from British Columbia.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Orders of the day.

[Mr. Speaker.]

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

[*English*]

**ELECTION EXPENSES**

PROVISION OF PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES AND  
REIMBURSEMENT OF PARTIES FOR CERTAIN  
BROADCASTING TIME

The House resumed, from Tuesday, December 18, consideration of Bill C-203, to amend the Canada Elections Act, the Broadcasting Act and the Income Tax Act in respect of election expenses, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections; motion No. 7 (Mr. Rodriguez) and motions Nos. 17 and 31 (Mr. Benjamin).

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question of privilege.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Minister of Transport (Mr. Marchand).

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, I believe it is the first time in eight years that I stand in this House to make such a comment. Last night, the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) made in this House an assertion which I consider absolutely slanderous, unworthy of this House and probably unworthy of him. And I wish to emphasize it in this House for if I knew that such a feeling were shared by a good number of members, one can be sure that I would know what to do and that I would pull myself out very quickly.

Here is what the hon. member declared, without any reason nor any proof, nothing. He said, and I quote:

[*English*]

In Quebec, the situation was entirely different.

**Mr. Bell:** What page?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Page 8877 of *Hansard* for December 18, 1973. He said:

In Quebec, the situation was entirely different. It was more heinous because in Quebec the national campaign fund collector was none other than the then minister of regional economic expansion—

On the one hand, he was giving out \$6 million to IBM and the next day he went knocking on their door saying, "I am collecting funds for the Liberal Party".

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, I never collected or received a cent for any political party, including the Liberal party. I never went to the International Business Machines Co. Limited for any consideration, except for a visit of the plant. And I believe the words used by the hon. member are called slander. If he wants to repeat them outside this House, he will try to find evidence or even to gather some elements of evidence, that I conducted myself with public money in such an unspeakable manner as he has mentioned.

[*English*]

**An hon. Member:** Withdraw.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I believe the hon. member had completed his remarks yesterday when we reached