

INDUSTRY

WINE DISTILLERS—EFFECT OF PROHIBITION OF USE OF WORD
"CHAMPAGNE"—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Joe Flynn (Kitchener): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. As court decisions will prevent our wine industry from using the word "champagne" on labels of champagne products, will the minister, in conjunction with the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs attempt to find some way to alleviate this serious difficulty of which our wine industry is a victim, and which is affecting adversely in particular Niagara area producers and six Ontario wine distillers?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to discuss this matter with my colleagues.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ALLEGED CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER SEABED TO EDGE
OF CONTINENTAL SHELF—REASON FOR FAILURE TO ASSERT
CONTROL OVER AREA

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, may I direct my question to the Minister of State responsible for fisheries. In light of the Prime Minister's interview with George Radwanski of the *Gazette* on May 16, 1975 in which he said, "international law gives us sovereign rights over the seabed out to the edge of the continental shelf", is the minister aware whether in fact this statement is true?

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Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)): Mr. Speaker, I am not a lawyer, but I understand that by the 1958 convention that statement is correct.

Mr. Crouse: Mr. Speaker, if it is a correct statement, then why has the Canadian government not begun asserting its control over this area to protect its mineral and marine resources, since it obviously already is sovereign territory?

Mr. LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure of the words "sovereign territory". I will have to check the exact quotation that has been used by the hon. member. My understanding is that the 1958 convention applied only to the natural resources of the seabed. However, as I say, I am not a lawyer and I hesitate to venture into this area.

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NATIONAL PARKS

BANFF—REQUEST NEW HOUSING BE MADE AVAILABLE IN
TOWN

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in his capacity as mayor of Banff. The minis-

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ter is counting upon the town of Canmore to provide housing for Banff. I wonder whether he has noted the statement of the town of Canmore that new housing will not be available for Banff and the statement of the chairman of the Banff Advisory Council that unless new housing is announced for Banff, there could be demonstrations or other approaches to violence in Banff this summer. In that case, will the minister consider the possibility of making new housing available in Banff in the near term and not delaying it until the filing of the Oberlander report?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, that comment really does not square with the meeting I had with Mayor Klotz of Canmore and his councillors. They indicated they did not want to be purely and simply a bedroom community for Banff, but they were quite interested in participating in the development of visitor service facilities and along with that would go residential accommodation.

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): When the minister checks with his officials and finds out that in fact Canmore has now indicated that no subdivisions and new development will be made available to residents in Banff, will he then seriously consider his refusal to allow new housing in Banff for the short-term and act to relieve the housing pressures in that community in the near future?

Mr. Buchanan: Mr. Speaker, I will be happy to look at the situation. However, we made it quite clear that we do not want to see unrestrained or unrestricted expansion in Banff. The residents of both Banff and Canmore are well aware of our efforts in this area.

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HOUSING

CENTENNIAL PROPERTIES SENIOR CITIZENS PROJECT IN
HALIFAX—REASON FOR DELAY—SUGGESTION CMHC NOT
ADVANCE FURTHER FUNDS

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. CMHC is financing, under the National Housing Act, the construction of several senior citizen housing projects in Halifax. I might add that there is a great need for such accommodation in Halifax as there are over 800 applications now on file. One of the buildings presently under construction is a project of Centennial Properties, a firm which our party has had cause to bring to the minister's attention on previous occasions for reasons of its questionable practices. My question is this: will the minister look into the Centennial Properties project and find out what problems are holding up completion of the building which was to have been finished a year ago this spring?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for bringing the situation to my attention. I will certainly look into it and be in touch with him.

Mr. Gilbert: I understand that the subcontractors on the Centennial Properties project have not been paid since