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General Discussion: Olympiad for  
the Physically Disabled - Toronto

Discussion d'ordre général: Jeux  
Olympiques des handicapés physiques  
- Toronto

The Minister of National Health and Welfare reported that he had issued a press release announcing the government's decision to set aside a sum of \$500,000 to be used for the promotion and development of sports and recreation activities for handicapped persons, in lieu of the originally planned contribution to the Olympiad for the Physically Disabled scheduled to be held in Toronto in August 1976. He noted that the press had given very modest coverage to the announcement and indicated that he intended to develop an information program dealing with this assistance.

General Discussion: Summer  
Olympics 1976 - Montreal

Discussion d'ordre général:  
Olympiques d'été 1976 - Montréal

Some Ministers noted comments made by the media to the effect that the federal government, through the presence of the Prime Minister and other Ministers at various functions, was maintaining a very high level of visibility at the Games.

Ministers felt that the text of the speeches made by the Queen and by the Prime Minister at the official dinner offered on July 24 should be given wide circulation. MP's should be provided with copies and encouraged to circulate them in their constituencies, particularly in the English-speaking areas of Canada.

Ministers noted the achievements of Canadian athletes at the Games. They felt that improvement of Canadian athletes, in general, did not hinge any more on more funding but rather on the provision of more and better technical services and advice. Coaches and trainers were the factors that needed to be improved.

General Discussion:  
The Governor General

Discussion d'ordre général:  
Le Gouverneur général

The Prime Minister reported that work was underway at the Citadel in Quebec City to restore a Regency swimming pool, apparently for the benefit of the Governor General. The source of funding for this work was not clear and the Prime Minister wished that further information be obtained. He noted that he had indicated to the Governor General that this undertaking did not appear necessary at this time.

- make a minor contribution towards easing it, but the amounts of money required to solve the problem were much larger than the \$300 million being proposed;
- the government had recently cut back other higher priority programs on grounds of restraint;
  - subsidies to improve the quality of urban transport would not discourage people from using their cars. What was required was penalties, or disincentives such as limited or extremely costly parking facilities to discourage car owners from bringing their cars into the center of the cities;
  - it was inappropriate to launch a cost-sharing program at a time when the government was withdrawing from other tax-sharing programs.

Discussion of this item was not completed, due to lack of time. Further consideration was postponed until the July 15 meeting of Cabinet.

Dairy Policy 1976-77

Politique laitière 1976-1977

The Cabinet had for consideration a memorandum from the Minister of Agriculture (Cab. Doc. 340-76 dated July 2 and a report from the Cabinet Committee on Government Operations (Cab. Doc. 340-76CR dated July 6, concerning dairy policy for the 1976-77 fiscal year.

There was inadequate time to discuss this item. However it was agreed that it should be given priority on the agenda of the July 15 Cabinet Meeting. It was also agreed that the Minister of Agriculture should assess for the July 15 Cabinet meeting the impact that the current drought in Europe could have on the market for Canadian powdered milk.

General Discussion: Olympics - Taiwan

Discussion d'ordre général: Olympiques - Taiwan

The Prime Minister mentioned that he understood negotiations were about to take place between the International Olympic Committee and the Department of External Affairs. The government's position on the recognition of one China was clear, and at this stage little could be done beyond awaiting the outcome of the negotiations between the I.O.C. and External Affairs. Several Ministers expressed disappointment with the press coverage of this issue, and the tendency of the Canadian press to take the side of the other party in a dispute involving the federal government.

The Prime Minister wondered whether the government should not reconsider its decision not to offer a subsidy to the organizers of the Olympiad for the Physically Disabled. The decision was consistent with our policy not to encourage sporting events with South Africa since the organizers of the Olympiad refused to withdraw their invitation to South Africa. However, he wondered if the government would receive any credit from the African states for having taken this decision. It was certainly unpopular within Canada, and difficult to explain domestically. It was agreed that this question should be reviewed by Cabinet at its July 15 meeting.

Enforcement of Fishing Vessels  
Safety Standards and Availability  
of Air Rescue Facilities on the  
West Coast

Application des normes de sécurité  
relatives aux bateaux de pêche  
et disponibilité des services de  
sauvetage aériens sur la côte ouest

The Cabinet had for consideration a memorandum from the Minister of State (Fisheries) (Cab. Doc. 321-76 dated June 24) and a report from the Cabinet Committee on Government Operations (Cab. Doc. 321-76CR) dated July 6 concerning safety of fishing vessels used in the herring roe fishery on the West Coast.

The Minister of State (Fisheries) said this item was not controversial. However he was agreeable to a suggestion that had been made that a review of the fishing vessels safety standards and availability of air rescue facilities on the East Coast should be carried out if he considered it to be necessary.

The Cabinet agreed that:

Le Cabinet convient que:

(a) approval in principle be given to a two-stage program to reduce the loss of life and vessels in the herring roe fishery and other fisheries in British Columbia;

(a) soit approuvé en principe un programme en deux temps visant à réduire les pertes de vies humaines et de navires dans l'industrie de la roque de hareng et de la pêche en général, en Colombie-Britannique;

(b) the first stage, to be financed from existing resources and consisting of the following measures related to the enforcement of fishing vessel safety standards, be put into effect immediately:

(b) soit mise en oeuvre dès maintenant la première phase du programme, financée à même les crédits actuels, c'est-à-dire que soient prises les mesures ci-après concernant l'application des normes de sécurité relatives aux bâtiments de pêche:

(i) a program of upgrading in standards and regular inspections should be implemented for vessels less than 15 tons, but only after the usual consultations with the vessel owners;

(i) mise à effet après les pourparlers d'usage avec les propriétaires de navires, d'un programme d'amélioration des normes et des contrôles périodiques pour les navires de moins de 15 tonnes;