

Inquiries of the Ministry

R.C.A.F. made arrangements to fly two hockey teams to Europe for a tour of that continent, and does the minister approve of these arrangements?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder if this is a matter of national urgency. I suggest that the hon. member find some other way to obtain the information he is now seeking.

[*Later:*]

Mr. More: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Prime Minister. I would ask whether the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association or the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association have complained to him and protested the rather novel arrangements made by the R.C.A.F. and the minister of defence for the participation of two pee-wee hockey teams in a tour of Europe, in defiance of rulings by these governing bodies against making such a tour.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have received representations on both sides on this issue, and I am trying awfully hard to be neutral.

GRAIN**WHEAT—INQUIRY AS TO MAILING OF FINAL CHEQUES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Have all the cheques representing the final payment on the 1965-66 crop year been mailed? If not, when would he expect the last of them to be mailed?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, if they have all not already been mailed they will be mailed very shortly, but I shall get a more precise answer and provide the hon. member with the information.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**BRITISH COLUMBIA—COMMUTATION OF DEATH SENTENCES OF CONVICTED MURDERERS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ralph Cowan (York-Humber): Mr. Speaker, I have a question which I should like to direct to the Solicitor General, but in his absence I shall direct it to the Prime Minister. The cabinet yesterday commuted to life imprisonment the death sentences of two convicted murderers in British Columbia. I

should like to ask the Prime Minister what is the effect of this statement which he made on August 31 in this house:

—when this legislation passes it will be the will of the parliament of Canada and if it is the will of the parliament of Canada I know the law-abiding citizens of Canada, as they always have done in the past, will obey it.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt that the hon. member is asking a question. Obviously he is submitting an argument at this time. I am not prepared to accept the question.

Mr. Cowan: Your Honour having ruled in that way, may I raise the matter at ten o'clock.

AIRPORTS**INQUIRY AS TO INSTALLATION OF ENCLOSED RAMPS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. R. Sherman (Winnipeg South): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the current season and the recurrence of a chronic problem associated with winter temperatures, can the Minister of Transport bring warmth to the hearts of thousands of chilled Canadian travellers and tell them when enclosed telescopic ramps will be installed at western Canada's major airports?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think the question is one which should be asked at this time. I suggest that it might be placed on the order paper or discussed at ten o'clock.

Mr. Sherman: I had the impression that the minister was prepared to answer.

Mr. Speaker: The minister probably will welcome the opportunity to answer at ten o'clock.

IMMIGRATION**WARNING TO IMMIGRANTS RESPECTING HOUSING IN LARGER CITIES**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I should like to answer a question put to me on January 24 by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway.

To protect unsponsored immigrants with large families and modest incomes from hardship, our officers abroad advise such families about housing conditions. This means that such immigrants are currently being advised against going to certain cities where housing