

Inquiries of the Ministry

3. Was the Meaford Tank Range involved in any of these accidents and, if so, what were the results?

4. How many of the 17,800 acres comprising the Meaford Tank Range are considered to be target areas and are contaminated with hazardous material?

5. What is the estimated cost per acre to carry out a visual clean-up of the contaminated areas?

6. What is the estimated cost per acre to decontaminate the target areas?

7. Does the Department of National Defence have trained personnel qualified to decontaminate the Tank Range target areas?

8. Could civilians assist in this work and, if not, what period of time would be required to give them the necessary training?

9. How many acres of the Meaford Tank Range are presently safe and accessible?

10. For how many years would the live ammunition remain hazardous if no remedial action is taken?

11. What is the approximate size of Mountain Lake located on the Range?

12. How many miles of Georgian Bay shoreline are within the confines of the Range?

13. What is the value of the buildings on the Range and are they in good repair?

14. What is the value of the water system and is it in workable condition?

15. How many miles of road are there in the Range suitable for travel by "Jeep" or by automobile?

16. Approximately how many acres are wooded?

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NUMBER OF TELEVISION STATIONS IN CANADA

Question No. 2,108—**Mr. Robinson:**

How many TV stations are there in Canada and where is each located?

Return tabled.

NUMBER OF RADIO STATIONS IN CANADA

Question No. 2,114—**Mr. Robinson:**

How many radio stations are there in Canada and where is each located?

Return tabled.

• (2:40 p.m.)

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

ALLEGED MIS-SPENDING OF FUNDS

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the allegations made in a recent study by the Quebec Federation of Labour that the many millions of dollars of public funds spent by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion have been channelled away from economically depressed areas, have not result-

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ed in a net increase in jobs, and that the department has failed to inform the public about the true impact on jobs of its industrial incentives grants across Canada.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Regina East has given the Chair due notice of his intention to request leave to propose the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing the matter stated by him to the House.

In a preliminary way I might say to the hon. member that in my opinion the provisions of Standing Order 26 were never intended to be used as a vehicle for the purpose of airing statements or allegations made outside the House by organizations or people who are not answerable or responsible in any way to this chamber.

It seems to me that the statement made by the hon. member essentially contains a charge of maladministration or of inefficiency in relation to certain programs carried out by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion. Without passing any comment on the substance of the allegation attributed to the Quebec Federation of Labour, it must be said that the House has established not only supply proceedings but also standing committees for the purpose of reviewing the operations of the programs of the several departments of government.

It is my opinion that it would be a grave error to permit the use of Standing Order 26 for the purpose of overriding the well established procedures of this House.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

UNITED STATES PROPOSALS TO EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET RESPECTING MONETARY AND TRADE PROBLEMS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs a question arising out of his reference to his having met Mr. Malfatti on the eve of the Council of Ministers' consideration of American proposals for resolution of the monetary and trading problems now facing us. Could the minister indicate very briefly and succinctly what those American proposals are?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I think it would not be for me to reveal what proposals have been made by the United States to the Common Market. I can say, however, that it was a very long list and that the Common Market was rather surprised at the extent of the concessions that the United States wanted from Europe. The European Common Market, like ourselves, is rather uncertain as to the objectives of the United States.

Mr. Stanfield: Is it still the position of the Secretary of State for External Affairs that although the European Economic Commission has received a list of items, a list of proposals from the United States, Canada has received no such list, no such indication of proposals from the United States?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I do not think that has been the position of the government. I have listened to my col-