

for External Affairs. Can the hon. gentleman say whether the fake passport apparently used by Geoffroy was called for or whether it was mailed and, if it was called for, whether any identification was asked of the person picking up the document?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The application was mailed and the passport itself was mailed to the address on the application form. It was obviously not picked up by Mr. Geoffroy.

An hon. Member: Are you sure?

Mr. Sharp: I would have to make inquiries to find out who did pick it up. I shall endeavour to obtain the information for the hon. gentleman.

Mr. McCleave: A further supplementary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Can he tell us whether his department was asked to deal with visa applications by anyone using the fake passport in Geoffroy's case?

Mr. Sharp: Visas are not issued by the Canadian government except, of course, for entry into Canada, and obviously they did not want to move in this direction.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PURPOSE OF RECEPTION IN MOLSON'S BREWERY FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to direct a question to the Solicitor General. Can he explain to the House the purpose of the reception given in mid-January in Molson's Brewery in Montreal for a number of RCMP officers? This reception was sponsored by the government. Can the minister explain what that was all about?

• (1150)

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Could I rephrase the question?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member might rephrase the question, but certainly in the way it has been asked it might very well be the kind of question that should be placed on the order paper.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): The urgency of the matter requires an answer now, Mr. Speaker, and putting it on the order paper would not achieve that result. Would the Solicitor General mind checking to see whether such a reception was held and relate the circumstances of it to the House? At the same time, would he indicate why he was not there, or was it held without his knowledge?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

PETITION FROM EDMONTON CITIZENS PROTESTING CHANGE IN NAME

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Would the Prime

Inquiries of the Ministry

Minister advise the House whether he has been informed by his office that a telegram has been received from some 11,500 citizens of Edmonton and area concerning the change in the designation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police? If so, what has been his answer to that telegram?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member would indicate when the telegram was sent, perhaps I would be able to trace it. I have had no notice that such a telegram is in my office.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): The telegram was dated February 22, and if the Prime Minister or anybody else wishes I am quite prepared to table it since I have referred to it. Here it is.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows that he cannot table the telegram.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Yes, Mr. Speaker. This is a document that has been referred to. It is not an extraneous object that is brought into the House contrary to the rules. This document is the same as a government document that is used for the purpose of reference.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is expounding a novel theory with reference to the tabling of documents. The hon. member for Greenwood.

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IMMIGRATION

INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION TO REDUCE BACKLOG OF APPEALS

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration I direct my question to the Prime Minister. In light of the fact that the government introduced a white paper on the subject of immigration proposing reforms in 1966, and in light of a very recent report by the immigration department signed by the present Minister of Justice which stated that measures were needed to correct the situation regarding the back-up of immigration appeals, is it the intention of the government to introduce legislation dealing with this vitally important subject at an early date?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I believe that the ministers who have been involved with this question in recent years have realized that we would either have to change the act or plug its loopholes, and the new Minister of Manpower and Immigration is giving attention to this problem.