

*Inquiries of the Ministry***CONSUMER AFFAIRS****FARM MACHINERY PRICE INCREASES PROPOSED BY WHITE MOTOR COMPANY**

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): My question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the fact that farm machinery prices of the White Motor Company, formerly known as Cockshutt, are, as indicated by that company, liable to be increased by 7 per cent on all sales made in 1971, will the minister indicate whether he will refer this to the Prices and Incomes Commission, particularly in view of the fact that it includes profits for that company?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, that company would be expected to comply with the pricing criteria agreed upon last February. Should they raise prices in the manner suggested by the hon. member, the Prices and Incomes Commission will examine it.

Mr. Skoberg: Will the minister tell this House and the people of Canada whether he is prepared to take the initiative of inquiring into the profits of these farm machinery companies?

Mr. Basford: I do not understand the question, Mr. Speaker. The Prices and Incomes Commission made it very clear that companies which increase their prices above the pricing criteria agreed upon will be investigated. There is no need for an initiative on my part or on the part of anyone else.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS**LONG GRASS PEOPLE—ACTION TO PREVENT WINTER HARDSHIP**

Mr. Robert Borrie (Prince George—Peace River): I wish to direct my question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Can he advise the House if steps are to be taken to alleviate anticipated winter hardships of Indians known as the Long Grass people, residing on the shores of Lake Williston in central British Columbia?

Mr. Judd Buchanan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): The situation of the Long Grass people is being investigated, Mr. Speaker. I will be happy to draw the hon. member's question to the attention of the minister.

EFFECT OF W.A.C. BENNETT DAM ON LIVELIHOOD OF INDIANS

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt—Saanich): Have any other studies been undertaken on the effects on the livelihood of Indians living downstream from the W.A.C. Bennett dam where the water table has been seriously affected by that dam?

Mr. Judd Buchanan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): It is my

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understanding that other studies have been made concerning the situation. I will be happy to bring this to the attention of the minister.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): While the Parliamentary Secretary is having these interesting discussions, will he attempt to find out what success the minister is having with Premier Bennett regarding the matter of having more water released through the dam which would help the situation on both sides?

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Will the minister make a statement in the near future regarding the arrangements that were made when the dam was being planned with respect to compensation for the Indians who are being adversely affected?

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**ARREST OF CERTAIN NEWS BROADCASTERS UNDER WAR MEASURES ACT**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): My question is directed to the Secretary of State. On a couple of occasions I have asked whether he could get information from the CBC, on behalf of which he reports to Parliament, concerning the three or four broadcasters or news distributors of Radio-Canada who, as reported by the Minister of Regional Economic Development, were using a code to communicate with the FLQ. They were picked up under the War Measures Act and subsequently released. Are they now back with the CBC?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the right hon. member wants to know whether I can give him that answer. The answer is no.

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PENSIONS**OLD AGE SECURITY—ACTION ON INCREASE BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. There being only 39 days to Christmas, has the Prime Minister yet decided in what way he is going to say "Merry Christmas" to Canada's old age pensioners?

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I too wish to direct my question to the right hon. gentleman. It has to do with the Prime Minister's visit this weekend to New York. Would he please inform the House whether he had a good time?

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.