

Inquiries of the Ministry

tives of the people are given this dimension of the unemployment problem which is being covered up, because the minister knows that the unemployment problem among students—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that it took the Prime Minister of our country to advise an unemployed man in Bramalea in southern Ontario of the job vacancies in Thompson, Manitoba, would the minister do everything in his power to ensure that manpower offices are made aware of the tremendous job vacancies in that area?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—RECONSIDERATION OF GRANT TO NEWSPAPER, "GEORGIA STRAIGHT"

Mr. Tom H. Goode (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): My question regarding the Opportunities for Youth program is directed to the Secretary of State. Will the minister reconsider the advisability of granting \$15,000 to the Vancouver underground newspaper, *Georgia Straight*?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That is a representation and the hon. member has to assume that it will be taken into consideration by the minister.

Mr. Goode: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. May I rephrase my question? Has the government considered turning down this application?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, all projects under the Opportunities for Youth program are under constant review. That one has since been submitted to the same examination, it has even been recognized, and the decision concerning the support that was to be given to that newspaper, whose character does not meet the criteria, has been reversed; now we must admit that was an error to have supported it in the first place.

[*English*]

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): My question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. To avoid his time being taken up by questions in the House based on misinformation, would he recommend to his colleague, the Secretary of State, that a grant not be made to the underground newspaper which published the report on which the question of the hon. member for Winnipeg North was based?

[*Mr. Lundrigan.*]

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—CONSIDERATION OF MEMBER'S VIEWS BEFORE APPROVING PROJECTS

Mr. B. Keith Penner (Thunder Bay): I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State. I wonder whether, in his review of projects, the Secretary of State would allow the elected representatives of the people to make some input into subsequent decisions?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, hon. members did not hesitate—and I am in a good position to know it—to make through their advice and counsel a generous contribution which has always been considered.

[*English*]

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—APPROVAL BY BRITISH COLUMBIA OF PROJECTS WITHIN PROVINCE

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): I have a question for the Secretary of State. The minister of citizenship, during the debate on this issue the other day, indicated that there had been provincial approval of the various Opportunities for Youth projects. This statement has been denied by the premier of British Columbia, Mr. W. A. C. Bennett. Would the minister please investigate whether or not the projects approved in B.C. did in fact have provincial approval?

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

TRANSMISSION TO UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE OF THIRD REPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION COMMITTEE AND CONCURRENCE OF HOUSE

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs if he will, in the near future, be transmitting to the Secretary of State of the United States a copy of the third report of the special committee on environmental pollution, and indicate that this House has concurred in its recommendations.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am very happy that the House did give such quick and unanimous approval, thereby showing the support of all members of the House for the position that I and the government have been taking.

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TRANSPORT

DISCUSSION OF WESTERN CANADA RAILWAY FREIGHT RATES WITH PROVINCIAL PREMIERS AND OFFICIALS—REQUEST FOR REPORT

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the discussions that have been going on for the best part