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YOUTH

ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF TRANSIENTS BY POLICE AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): I would like to address my question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. The minister, in his program on drugs, approaches the problem by treatment and research. However, a national health and welfare study on transients indicates that 38 per cent of last summer's travellers were subject to harassment by police and other authorities. When will the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Minister of Justice meet to solve this inconsistency?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I do not agree with the observations of the hon. member. If he is asking a question concerning legal sanctions in this area, I think he should direct it to my colleague, the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Rynard: I will readdress my question to the Minister of Justice.

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Would the hon. member be good enough to specify which part of the question he would like me to answer?

Mr. Rynard: Yes, I will, Mr. Speaker. A national health and welfare study has indicated that 38 per cent of last summer's travellers were subject to harassment by police and other authorities. When will the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Minister of Justice meet to solve this inconsistency?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the Chair might have suggested to the hon. member from the start that this appears to be an argumentative question. I would think the hon. member is really making a submission to the ministers concerned.

Mr. Rynard: I should like to address a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. Will he give consideration to granting a day of debate to discuss this troublesome situation?

INVESTIGATION OF TASK FORCE FINDING CONCERNING POLICE METHODS

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It concerns the report of the task force on youth services. Since the report says that in many cases police agencies used highly questionable methods to gain information leading to arrests and convictions, can the minister advise whether or not he is having this matter investigated further and whether he has asked the Solicitor General to investigate it and take it up with the Attorneys General of the provinces?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): No decision has been taken yet with respect to

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the contents of the particular report to which the hon. member is referring.

Mr. Benjamin: May I ask the Minister of Justice whether, in view of what this report has to say about the present vagrancy laws and a uniform juvenile age, he is giving consideration to bringing in amendments to these laws?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): I was, long before the report was published, Mr. Speaker.

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MANPOWER

ADVERTISING OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPEAN PRESS

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): My question is addressed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Could he say whether his office has received representations from groups such as the Federation of Parents and Teachers of British Columbia urging the abandonment of job advertising published in the European press reportedly stating that there are job opportunities in Canada at this time of unemployment?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether that group is among the groups which did write about the subject some time ago. The fact is that specific job advertising was stopped by the department some months ago, although of course the department continues to bring Canada generally to the attention of people abroad as part of the ongoing campaign for the future.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

ALLEGED FAILURE OF INCENTIVE GRANTS TO PROVIDE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Could he indicate to the House whether he has received a report from the Atlantic Advisory Council with regard to the failure of regional development incentive grants to produce job opportunities in the province of Newfoundland?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I will take the question as notice.

PROVISION OF DOCKING FACILITIES AT COME-BY-CHANCE, NFLD.

Mr. Walter Carter (St. John's West): My question is to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Could he advise the House as to the status of the proposal to supply docking facilities at Come-by-Chance, and could he say whether public tenders will be called for this work?