

IMMIGRATION

VICTIMIZATION OF CHINESE STUDENTS

Mr. W. Kenneth Robinson (Etobicoke-Lakeshore): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. In view of the fact that some Chinese students living in Canada on student visas are being victimized by so-called secret criminal societies, and in view of the fact that extortion cases are quite common in Toronto's Chinatown, according to information from the Metropolitan Toronto Police Intelligence Squad, will the Minister state what action, if any, his Department will take to advise people in Canada on student visas and who may be potential victims? Will he also advise what action will be taken against landed immigrants or potential landed immigrants who engage in this criminal practice of extortion?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, I know the case the Hon. Member refers to is one that has caused some very serious concern in the city of Toronto and other parts of Canada. When we allow people to enter with student visas they are usually advised of their rights during that period of time, and we certainly accept no interference with those rights. They have the full protection that those visas provide to them. However, it is not the direct responsibility of the Canadian Immigration Department to pursue cases where there may be threats of extortion, or other criminal activities. It is really the responsibility of the police forces to look into that. We, of course, co-operate with them in any way we can, but it is not our job to prosecute cases. That really has to be left up to the police.

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FISHERIES

REQUEST THAT CRUIKSHANK REPORT BE TABLED

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, my question is supplemental to that asked by the Hon. Member for Vancouver South addressed to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. I am going to the other ocean—from coast to coast and sea to sea.

The Minister will be aware that there are two reports on West Coast fisheries, one prepared by Dr. Pearse and the second prepared by a committee appointed by his predecessor, which I will call the Cruikshank report and for the lack of a better title, "The Rationalization of the Fleet Report". I wonder if the Minister is prepared to table the second report, the Cruikshank report, and to provide a reference to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans so that it and the Pearse Report might be studied side by side?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, I would gladly transmit that report to the Hon. Member, but of course it is up to each committee to study whatever it would like to study. I think that as my consultations are going on at the moment with all the participants on the Pacific Coast, the most useful thing would be to

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study the implementation of the policies which will be announced after due consultation with the different participants.

REQUEST FOR REFERRAL OF REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): The Minister's answer suggests that the committees are capable of deciding what they should be studying. That is not my experience with committees in the past, nor is it my understanding of the committee reforms. There must be a reference from this House to a committee, and the Kirby Report must also be referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Forestry.

I wonder if the Minister is prepared to make sure that all three of these reports are referred to the committee, with the appropriate reference. He always talks about the action. He is going to be acting from coast to coast, from ocean to ocean. His hands are going to be full. The fishermen still want to have their views expressed in Parliament, and I hope he will provide that reference. Will he do so?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, I will certainly take under consideration the recommendation put to me, but I would like the Hon. Member to remember that, if we follow his suggestion, it could be a never-ending process. Those reports are the fruit of extensive consultations with the participants. Now that the reports have been tabled, if we have to invite those participants again to appear at committee hearings, when will that end?

I think we have carried out enough consultation. Now is the time to hold final meetings with the different participants. I will be doing that on the Pacific Coast, through my deputy, next week. I will be going there the week after that and afterward I think we will have to make some decisions. Then the Committee could study the implementation of those policies.

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INDUSTRY

POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF HELICOPTER INDUSTRY IN MANITOBA

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Federal officials, either in the Minister's Department or some other Department, have indicated that a priority of the Government is to attempt to establish a domestic helicopter industry in Canada. This is because of the need for it from the point of view of jobs and the fact that sales, not only in Canada but in other countries, would be substantial in the coming years.

The Province of Manitoba has already made a submission to a federal departmental committee which is looking at this whole question. It wants the Government to look very seriously