

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

before the Immigration Appeal Board will be entitled to be represented by counsel whether on an original application for deportation or on any subsequent reconsideration?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I will be glad to take this matter up with the chairman of the Appeal Board this very day.

## MEASURES TO SPEED UP DISPOSITION OF APPEALS

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** In view of the fact that I was a member of the Standing Committee on Manpower and Immigration when the minister indicated he had in mind a procedure for speeding up appeals which would alleviate many of the difficulties, could the hon. gentleman now give us a definite idea of these proposals and tell us when he expects to implement this new procedure?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Yes, Mr. Speaker I think that at one of the few meetings of the committee that the hon. member missed I explained in detail the proposals for speeding up the appeal procedure. For example, I mentioned that as of July 1 we would be adding, in the Toronto area, an additional staff of 100 to deal with appeal procedure problems, with greater emphasis on appeal procedure at the special inquiry officer stage—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The minister is now giving information which I suggest to him is so detailed that it ought to be given on motions. Perhaps the matter could be pursued on Monday, but we are running short of time now.

**Mr. Alexander:** May I say I know something of these arrangements because members of the committee were advised as to the procedure the minister has in mind, but would the minister make a statement on Monday informing us in detail as to what he intends to do? I might add that I am presently involved—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I appeal to hon. members to ask short questions and to ministers to give short answers, because we now have only three minutes left in the question period.

## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER FOR DEPORTATION OF TUAN VU

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** May I ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration a question concerning the case of Tuan Vu against whom a deportation order has been issued and whose appeal has been denied by the Immigration Appeal Board. He will almost certainly be executed if he is returned to South Viet Nam. Would the minister ask the Immigration Appeal Board to reconsider the case and cancel the deportation order issued against this person?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** This case is presently before the Federal Court. I

[Mr. Hogarth.]

would not wish to comment on whether or not this man's life would or would not be in jeopardy because the matter is sub judice. I would have to wait until the Federal Court has disposed of the case.

## SUICIDE OF ALICIA WIERCIOCH—REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION OF APPEAL PROCEEDINGS

**Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration whether in view of the circumstances surrounding the suicide of Alicia Wiercioch the hon. gentleman will make public the proceedings of the appeal case on March 15 before the Immigration Appeal Board which ordered her deported?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** As the hon. member should know, or does know, the Immigration Appeal Board is independent of the minister and of the department as well as of Parliament. I can only make such a representation to the board and the board will have to judge whether it is in the public interest to reveal that information or not.

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## GRAIN

## RAPESEED—THREATENING INFESTATION BY BERTHA BUG—REQUEST FOR ACTION

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, the question I wish to ask would ordinarily be directed to the Minister of Agriculture. I discussed it with that hon. gentleman yesterday but because of the debacle in the House no attention could be given to it. It has to do with a matter of very deep concern, namely, the threatening infestation by the Bertha bug of the rapeseed areas in northeastern Saskatchewan, particularly in the districts of Melford, Nipawin, Tisdale and the like. While it will not be until the middle of next week that the moths commence to fly, the fact is that the infestation appears to be more serious today than it was last year. Would the Acting Prime Minister do what he can to have the Department of Agriculture look into this matter over the weekend, because if the situation becomes more serious than it was last year it will constitute a serious threat to the meeting of contracts for rapeseed and, in addition, of course, the income of farmers would be greatly reduced?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** I can assure the right hon. gentleman of our concern. The answer to the question is yes.

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## TRADE

## UNITED STATES DISC PROGRAM—NUMBER OF AMERICAN COMPANIES MAKING USE THEREOF

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister inform the House whether the number of United States corporations that have made