

called on me yesterday morning to ask me to postpone for one week my visit to the Soviet Union, and at that time he told me that the Soviet Union had no objection to Canada's participation. They were concerned—and I think this is quite well known—about the balance of the force. They are very anxious to have a member of the Warsaw Pact contributing to UNEF.

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[Translation]

### MANPOWER

#### INQUIRY AS TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINTER WORKS PROGRAM

**Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance.

Considering that the unemployment rate in Canada was 6 per cent during September, does he intend to announce very shortly the launching of a comprehensive winter works program to fight unemployment?

[English]

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, we already have in play a winter works program which will involve about \$275 million worth of capital works this year. In addition, my colleague the Minister of Manpower and Immigration has advanced a program of local initiatives projects, and there are other labour intensive matters in play.

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### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### GUELPH ARMOURY—NEED FOR REPAIRS IN LIGHT OF POSSIBLE DEMOLITION

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence and deals with non-productive spending by his department. I ask the minister whether he intends to continue paying taxpayers' dollars for the repair of armouries which are in the process of being negotiated with municipalities. My question arises from the fact that the Guelph armoury is in the process of being bought by the municipality and will likely be demolished, yet contracts for repair work are proceeding.

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps the minister might reply briefly, but this does seem to me a question that should be put on the order paper.

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I would be pleased to look into the work being done in the specific armoury that has been mentioned.

### Oral Questions

### PENITENTIARIES

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA—POSSIBLE TAKEOVER OF ADMINISTRATION BY OTTAWA—UNDERMINING OF STAFF

**Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. In view of his statement two days ago that the director of the British Columbia penitentiary was retiring and certain other improvements would take place, and in view of his statement yesterday that directives had gone out from Ottawa to the penitentiary, would the minister advise the House whether his office in Ottawa is taking over the administration of the British Columbia penitentiary?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** No, Mr. Speaker, we have not, but we are trying to follow up on certain matters at the British Columbia penitentiary, and hope that we can, with the director of the penitentiary and the regional director, return that institution to normalcy as soon as possible.

**Mr. Reynolds:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister believe that by making directives in Ottawa he is undermining the staff of the penitentiaries?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. That is an argument, not a question.

#### NEW WESTMINSTER AND MATSQUI—ALLEGED HOSTILITY OF STAFF TOWARDS INMATES AND VISITORS

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Solicitor General. I should like to ask the hon. gentleman whether he would mind inquiring into the increasing level of hostility exhibited during the last two or three weeks on the part of wardens and staff at both Matsqui penitentiary and the B.C. penitentiary toward both inmates and visitors.

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, we have certainly had some difficulty at the New Westminster penitentiary, but I had no knowledge of trouble at Matsqui. I will look into it immediately and report to the hon. member.

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### ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF CANADA

#### ALLEGATION THAT CONSULTANT MEMBER OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OF UNITED STATES—SUGGESTED LIMITATION OF STAFF TO CANADIAN NATIONALS

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Is the minister aware that one of the designers of the Economic Council of Canada's Candide computer model, and subsequently a consultant to the council having access to private information made available by several government departments was, for a time at least, a member of the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States? If not, will he make an inquiry?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I would certainly want to look into that.