

[Translation]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister.

Is the federal government informed of General de Gaulle's visit planned for July 1968 within the framework of agreements between France and Quebec? And, if so, does the government intend to invite that great man to come to Ottawa?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I have not been informed of the matter, Mr. Speaker.

IMMIGRATION

INQUIRY AS TO USE OF NEW APPLICATION FORM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Dollard): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

In view of the many articles published in newspapers recently, expressing concern about the fact that there is no mention of the "ethnic origin" since October 1 last on the application form for immigrants, could the minister tell us the reason for such a change?

Mr. Speaker: The question could be put on the order paper.

Mr. Goyer: Mr. Speaker, I take the liberty of pointing out to you that this is an urgent question since newspapers, especially in the province of Quebec, have referred to this problem again and again.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member knows very well that if he feels this question is urgent, he can discuss it on the adjournment motion.

[English]

FINANCE

RECOMMENDATIONS BY TAXATION COMMISSION RESPECTING DEPLETION ALLOWANCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): I have a question for the Minister of Finance. A few days ago the minister indicated that he intended to make an interim statement with reference to the extractive industries, petroleum and mining, in connection with the Carter commission report. Will he be making

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that statement before he brings in his mini budget?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): I am considering making a statement in connection with my financial statement.

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth): Does the minister count on tabling budget papers at the time of his financial statement, as is customary?

Mr. Sharp: No, Mr. Speaker. I do not intend, if the hon. gentleman means this, to table a white paper in the conventional sense, as is usually done at the time of the regular budget.

Mr. Woolliams: In reply to my question the minister said he intended to make a financial statement. Will he tell the house whether he is bringing in a budget or a financial message, as he describes it?

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): A financial mess.

Mr. Woolliams: I asked a supplementary question but I think the Minister of Finance was engaged in talking to the Acting Prime Minister. Is it the minister's intention to bring in a financial message or is it his intention to bring in a budget?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): There is no difficulty about this. It is a matter of discussion among the house leaders, and I am sure they will reach a conclusion which will commend itself to hon. members present.

Mr. Woolliams: There seems to be some confusion on the treasury benches. I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether it is the government's intention to bring in a budget or a financial message.

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): There is no confusion in the mind of the government. The confusion, as usual, is in the minds of those who sit immediately to your left, Mr. Speaker. The form in which the government expresses financial policy is a matter to be determined by the government of the day.

Mr. Woolliams: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I do not think the Acting Prime Minister understood my question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.