

Inquiries of the Ministry

get on to another subject. If the hon. member for Annapolis Valley is rising to ask a supplementary question, I suggest that it might be a different question rather than a supplementary. I do feel that the original question asked by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre was not entirely, completely or absolutely within the four corners of the rules.

Mr. Nowlan: Because I agree with Your Honour's preliminary ruling, I rise on a point of order—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nowlan:—to help clarify the program ahead in this warm, prosperous, election-free springtime and summer. For the enlightenment of the Chair and members of the House, perhaps we could be given the itinerary of the Prime Minister for the next weekend in this election-free summer—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Olson: What about your own leader?

Mr. Nowlan: We will put you into the hopper, too.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have obviously started on the wrong foot this week. Things can only get better from this moment.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Gleave: Mr. Speaker, further to the point raised by the hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek, I specifically requested a statement on motions for the information of hon. members. This has been denied and the minister in charge of the Wheat Board has failed to give the House the necessary information. Then we are accused by the Prime Minister of abusing our privileges—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Greenwood.

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HOUSING**REQUEST FOR TABLING OF REPORT ON LOW-INCOME HOUSING**

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question involves a change of subject. I address it to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. I have asked the hon. gentleman several times to table the Dennis Report on low-income housing. I understand that this report has been available to the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for two weeks and that Professor Dennis is now away on holiday. I now repeat my request that this important report be tabled in the House.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Professor Dennis was preparing the report for publication. I will determine whether it has been handed in.

[Mr. Speaker.]

LABOUR RELATIONS**LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE, MONTREAL—MEETING OF MINISTER AND UNION AND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO SETTLE DISPUTE**

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): Mr. Speaker, I have a question to direct to the Minister of Labour. Will the minister state whether he was able to meet personally over the weekend with representatives of labour and management in connection with the strike of longshoremen in Montreal which is now in its fourteenth day, and whether any moves have been made by the government to settle this strike?

Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour): On Friday last I did have an opportunity of meeting informally and in an exploratory way with representatives of management and labour in the offices of the department in Montreal. The senior federal mediator is working with the two parties on a daily basis to seek a settlement of this dispute.

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour concerning the same subject. Has the minister taken into his confidence the Minister of Manpower and Immigration who had so much success in the past in this field?

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NATIONAL SECURITY**ALLEGED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT**

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): My question is to the Solicitor General, Mr. Speaker. In view of the statement made by a former cabinet minister that extensive subversive activities are taking place in Canada and that the report of the Royal Commission on Security did not give all the facts, would the minister tell us whether he intends to make a statement—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I will not object to the minister replying to the question asked by the hon. member, but I suggest it ought to be asked directly. A few minutes ago I had occasion to refer to the rule we are attempting to recognize and respect that questions may be asked about statements made outside the House by ministers only to inquire whether they represent government policy, but my understanding of the rule is that it does not apply to former ministers of the Crown. This having been said, perhaps we could assume that the question has been asked directly, and the minister might reply.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, paragraphs 15 and 16 of the abridged report of the Royal Commission on Security give a very clear description of the communist subversive activities in Canada. The description is still generally valid.

To reply more directly to the hon. member's question, I would say that the following can be read in the same abridged report and I quote: