

the Yukon and part of the Northwest Territories, will the government give consideration to intervening to protect the natives of those areas?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, my function is to protect foreigners, not Canadians.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

USE OF MAIL FOR BINGO ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General. Is it the policy of the minister to threaten prosecution of village service groups who send out notices of Christmas turkey bingos through the mails for local charitable purposes such as children's playgrounds, and at the same time permit the mayor of Montreal to send out lottery literature to homes in the same area?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is asking for a policy statement which should be made on motions.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED FRAUDULENT ART AWARDS BY MAGAZINE

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the fact that *Maclean's* magazine is presently informing thousands of Canadians that each is the winner of a genuine oil painting by Renoir or a genuine original etching by Rembrandt or four or five other similar art treasures, what steps does the minister propose to take to stop this fraud?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): To start with, Mr. Speaker, I will read *Maclean's*, which I have not yet done.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

REQUEST FOR WHITE PAPER ON SMOKING AND LUNG CANCER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Last week, as reported at page 2910 of *Hansard*, I asked the minister a question which he said he would prefer to take as notice. In

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view of the tables that he put on the record last week I am wondering whether he has given any further consideration to this matter and to the possibility of indicating the level of tar and nicotine on packages of cigarettes offered for sale?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I believe that this and other questions pertaining to tobacco will be discussed by a parliamentary committee, and I also believe that the President of the Privy Council will have an announcement to make in this regard on Friday.

IMMIGRATION

PRESSURE OF APPLICATIONS IN U.K. OFFICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the heavy pressure on the immigration offices of Australia and South Africa in the United Kingdom caused by prospective immigrants, I suppose because of the austerity program in effect there, could the minister inform the house whether or not there is similar pressure on the Canadian offices there? If there is, what measures are being taken to meet the situation?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, there is pressure in a number of offices and we are doing our very best to staff these offices within budgetary limits.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

NATO AND NORAD—STATEMENT BY POSTMASTER GENERAL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Would the right hon. gentleman say whether the statement made by the Postmaster General on national television last night, that Canada should get out of NATO as well as NORAD since we have no contribution to make in that field meets with the earlier guide line the Prime Minister laid down yesterday in answer to my question, when he said that a minister should not place himself in an irrevocable position which might be contrary to that which the government might eventually take?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General): On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I did