

*Inquiries of the Ministry***SPACE EXPLORATION****APOLLO XI FLIGHT—SUGGESTED HOLIDAY**

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether, in recognition of the realities of life and in tribute to that momentous day in history when man will step from one planet to another, the government will consider Monday as a government holiday?

Mr. Lewis: The government has been on a holiday for a long time.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, perhaps the greatest tribute that can be made to this day is for us to continue to carry out our responsibilities as members of parliament.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, I think the Acting Prime Minister should refrain from imputing motives or trying to put my question in—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Nowlan: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is rising on a point of order.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, my question about a government holiday was very deliberate and sincere and had no reference whatsoever to the House of Commons. I referred specifically to the realities of life and I had in mind the fact that people are going to be watching television at two or three o'clock in the morning. I am wondering how much hope—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's point has been made.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Perhaps my supplementary question has been stated, Mr. Speaker, but could we have an answer from the Acting Prime Minister to the question whether consideration will be given to making Monday a holiday for federal government employees?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the spirit in which the hon. member has put forward his suggestion. May I say that I did not intend in anything I said in reply to impute any motive or anything like that.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Sharp: May I say I believe that all of us as members of the human race will be

[Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

watching with great interest on Monday the landing of the astronauts. I do not think it is really necessary for the government of Canada to take the kind of action suggested. I believe all our civil servants will rejoice just as much at their desks over the success of the astronauts as anywhere else.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Acting Prime Minister whether he, in addition to the members of the human race, will be watching?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

FISHERIES**OFFSHORE BANKS—CONSERVATION CONTROLS
—REACTION OF F.A.O. CONFERENCE
DELEGATES**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, will the Acting Prime Minister state whether the more than 250 delegates from 42 countries who attended the fisheries conference in Halifax, sponsored by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, indicated any agreement to his suggestion that conservation controls be implemented internationally in respect of our offshore fishing banks?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, the conference which was convened by the Food and Agriculture Organization was concerned with the inspection of fish and fish quality, not with the other matter to which the hon. member referred.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION**REMOVAL OF AGENCY HEADQUARTERS
FROM OTTAWA**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, in view of the contradictory statements being made by the Minister of Supply and Services for the benefit of western ears, and by the Minister of Justice for the benefit of Ottawa ears, on the subject of moving the headquarters of various government agencies from Ottawa to other parts of the country, will the Acting Prime Minister indicate what is the official government position in this regard?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to suggest to the Leader of the Opposition that his question as asked is not in proper form. Perhaps we might overlook the first part of the question and allow the minister to answer the second part.