

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the government's policy on bilingualism has been stated at various times, and it would take a statement on motions to make a long review of what we are doing in this regard.

**Mr. Nowlan:** A supplementary question. I appreciate that it might take a statement on motions, but would the Prime Minister be prepared to make a statement on motions as soon as the House reconvenes, in view of the third report of the B and B commission and the statement made by the Secretary of State?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, as I said two days ago, the policy may have to be reviewed in the light of this report. However, it will take the government some time to read and consider this lengthy report and I should not like to make a statement until this study has been made.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****BIAFRA—REQUEST BY CANAIRELIEF FOR ASSISTANCE**

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, may I address my question to the Prime Minister. For how long does the government propose to wait for agreement by Nigerian and Biafran authorities to the Canadian proposal for air drops of relief supplies before giving a definite answer to Canairelief's request for support of its operations to relieve threatened starvation?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I believe I indicated that we had told Dr. Johnson a period of three weeks would be the deadline at which we were aiming. The three weeks have not yet expired.

**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****INFLATION—OECD PREDICTION—INQUIRY AS TO OTHER MEASURES**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether the prediction of the OECD that there will be 4 per cent inflation in Canada in 1970 was based on information given to OECD by the Minister of Finance?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Stanfield:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of this prediction by OECD, has the Minister of Finance or the government any new initiatives in mind which they could take to reduce the rate of inflation in Canada to an acceptable level?

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Speaker, we are continually reviewing this subject.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****DISCUSSIONS RESPECTING INCREASE IN VIOLENT CRIMES**

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General. I wonder whether the Solicitor General and his colleague the Minister of Justice are considering having discussions with their provincial counterparts to deal with the astounding increase in violent crimes in Canada, as exemplified by the statement of the director of police in Montreal yesterday?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, discussions are going on at the working level from time to time in regard to this problem. However, I noted the statement that was made yesterday and I will be discussing it with my colleague.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** A supplementary question. Would the hon. gentleman please take into account the proliferation of hand guns and small automatic weapons which seem to be at the root of much of this problem?

**Mr. McIlraith:** We are very much concerned with that aspect of the problem, Mr. Speaker.

**HOUSING****URBAN RENEWAL—REQUEST FOR REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE—PUBLIC HOUSING POLICY**

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the hard-working Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing. Would the minister refer the important and urgent question of urban renewal to the appropriate standing committee for study so that he and others may appear to air their views?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):** Mr. Speaker, as you yourself have indicated, there will be many opportunities for all hon. members to put forward their views as to what should be done to deal with