

I see the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands is laughing. We have the laws of the land and we say to people—

**Miss MacDonald:** We are laughing at you.

**Mr. Cullen:** —if you take out landed immigrant status and establish a domicile in Canada, you have certain “Perqs” rights, and privileges which the laws of the land allow.

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Just answer the question.

**Mr. Cullen:** If you do not want to follow those laws but be selective, well and good.

**Mr. Clark:** Will the minister now tell us whether that privilege of landed immigrant status will be maintained for these individuals who are now out of the country, if they come back to this country? Yes or no?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Clark:** Will it or will it not be?

**Mr. Cullen:** Mr. Speaker, we wonder if the hon. Leader of the Opposition wants one set of laws for one group of individuals—

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Just answer the question.

**Mr. Cullen:** We tell individuals, when they come to this country and make application for a landed immigrant status and get it, that there are certain protections which are afforded them. Those are universally applied across the board. I have said to the hon. member that we will look at the situation if they try to get back as to what action, if any, can be taken against them. It should be pointed out for the benefit of hundreds of thousands of landed immigrants that once they get that status in Canada they receive the protection of the laws of this land.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Clark:** Mr. Speaker, it is precisely to ensure some security and peace of mind among the thousands of Canadians with that status and the thousands of Canadians of the Chinese and Italian communities in Canada that we want to have a public inquiry which will identify and prosecute those individuals who are guilty of wrongdoing.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

#### POSSIBILITY OF CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST FIVE DRAGONS PRIOR TO GRANTING OF LANDED IMMIGRANT STATUS

**Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** The minister has been very careful in his answers relative to the status of the members of the group known as Five Dragons when they came to Canada. Yesterday he said that they had not been convicted of any crime when they were admitted to Canada. Today he said that one commission was not put into place until after the

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admission into this country of the Five Dragons. I would like to know from the minister whether there was any charge from any commission in Hong Kong or any public suspicion of illegal activity against any of these individuals, at the time they were granted admission to this country, and if so, why were they granted that admission under those circumstances?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, as I have indicated, four of the five individuals came into this country in 1967-68 long before any allegations of illegality and corruption were made. The usual checks were made. The usual questions were asked as to criminal activity and the usual background information was secured. They had not been charged with any offence, nor were any charges pending, and they qualified under the landed immigrant point system which was in place at that time. It is great for the hon. member to have the value of hindsight, but I would ask him how he would have dealt with the situation seven or eight years ago.

**Mr. Clark:** Mr. Speaker, is the minister telling us that there were no charges or no allegations of any kind against any of these individuals, at the time they were admitted into Canada? Is that what he is telling us?

**Mr. Cullen:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the hon. member is talking about charges, charges pending or innuendo.

**Mr. Hees:** Charges.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Just like in law school.

**Mr. Cullen:** The hon. Leader of the Opposition supposedly asked a serious question. I do not know why his members will not wait for the answer instead of all the cat-calls. I have indicated to the hon. member that there were no charges pending and that these individuals had not committed any offence. If he is referring to allegations or innuendos which might have arisen, those would have been checked out. The information we have is that they applied in 1967-68—

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Were there any charges?

**Mr. Cullen:** —and these individuals got landed immigrant status under the point system quite legitimately.

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#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

##### REQUEST FOR REPORT ON POLICEMEN WHO FLED HONG KONG

**Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. I remind the House that the matter I originally raised in February, 1976 concerned 12 policemen who fled from Hong Kong, not only the Five Dragons. Since the Solicitor General was unable to answer my question yesterday—in all fairness he was not Solicitor Gener-