

IMMIGRATION

POLICY RESPECTING ADMITTANCE OF PERSONS HOLDING RHODESIAN PASSPORTS

Mr. Robert N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the refusal of immigration authorities at Fort Erie to admit an African clergyman by the name of Reverend Joshua Dube, who carried a Rhodesian passport and was coming to Canada to take part in Christmas services, can the minister inform the House whether it is the policy of his department to refuse admittance to Canada of any persons holding Rhodesian passports?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): That is not the policy, Mr. Speaker. In so far as the particular case is concerned, I will have to take the question as notice and investigate.

* * *

INFORMATION CANADA

MEANING OF POSTER WITH MALE AND FEMALE NUDES

Mr. Mac T. McCutcheon (Lambton Kent): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the minister in charge of Information Canada. It has reference to a poster which his department has recently brought out. So he will know what I am talking about, let me point out that the poster I have in mind carries the caption "Our country is at the beginning". It has a picture of a male and a female—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member might ask his question as we are running short of time.

Mr. McCutcheon: I appreciate that, Mr. Speaker, but I wanted to be sure the minister knew what I was referring to. It is the poster with the two nudes, one with a maple leaf pointing up and the other with a maple leaf pointing down. Information Canada indicates on the poster that it depicts the basic truths about our country. My question is, and I finally get to it, what is the basic truth involved here?

Mr. Speaker: That question could be placed on the Order Paper.

* * *

POLLUTION

QUEBEC HEALTH COMMISSION CONCLUSION RESPECTING ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL STANDARDS

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In view of the many pollution problems in Canada, is it his intention to make a statement on motions concerning the extremely significant conclusion of the Quebec Royal Commission on Health regarding the need for the federal government to establish national standards for pollution control?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, we are in the process of establishing national standards for pollution abatement.

* * *

GRAIN

SHARING BY GOVERNMENT OF COST OF STORAGE

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. In view of representations by representatives of the farm organizations concerning the storage of the six major grains, can he say whether or not the government has decided to share the cost of storage of some basic amount of these six major grains, or is the government at least considering such a policy?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, discussions are going on with the producers in respect of many things related to the proposals which were put forward. It is not my intention to speculate on the results of these discussions until a full announcement can be made.

* * *

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

TRANSFER OF UNITED STATES FACILITIES AT ARGENTIA, NFLD., TO CANADA

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Will he undertake to make representations to the United States government with a view to having certain facilities at Argentia, vacated by them, transferred to the Canadian government?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge there are some discussions along these lines going on with the United States government, but I will follow up that suggestion.

* * *

[Translation]

MANPOWER

MEASURES TO ASSURE SUMMER EMPLOYMENT TO STUDENTS

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Can the hon. gentleman tell the House whether his department's estimates to create summer jobs for students have been concurred in? If so, can he give us the assurance that a relevant statement will be made in order to reassure students?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the question of possible programs is indeed under consideration by the government, and any decision on possible programs will be taken and made known in due course.