

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I should point out to the hon. gentleman that if we hope to get the co-operation of the Ugandan government in the issuance of exit visas and otherwise helping in the transfer to Canada of those people who are being expelled, it would be well not to exacerbate relations between our two governments.

ADMITTANCE TO CANADA OF ASIANS EXPELLED FROM
UGANDA—STEPS TO AVOID CONCENTRATION IN ONE
AREA

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I think my supplementary is more appropriately addressed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. If a substantial number of immigrants from Uganda are admitted, will any steps be taken to see that they are not concentrated in any one area of Canada but are spread throughout Canada generally?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, it is to their advantage to know of the attractions in all parts of this great nation and not to congregate in a ghetto-like situation in some part of the country. In this vein we shall try to encourage them to settle in or at least become acquainted with Canada in its entirety through educational films, and so on. But once having admitted these people we do not want to relegate them to a special status and say that they must do this or that. I am confident that they will make very good Canadians once they are here, and the best we can do is give them every assistance and hope—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I hesitate to interrupt the minister, but I think I should remind hon. members that we will be coming to the end of the question period shortly. I am anxious to recognize as many members as possible and I seek the co-operation of hon. members in limiting the number of supplementaries and of ministers in limiting the length of their answers. The hon. member for Halifax-East Hants.

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SHIPPING

SUGGESTED COMPLIANCE WITH CANADIAN LAWS BY
COMMONWEALTH SHIPS ENGAGED IN CANADIAN
COASTAL TRADE

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. I will not ask any supplementaries. I am addressing it to him since the subject matter involves several departments. Will he direct his ministers to ensure that Commonwealth ships engaged in the coastal trade of Canada obey such Canadian laws as wages, income tax, hours of work, unemployment insurance—in short, all other Canadian laws than the Canada Shipping Act which is being enforced against them mercifully?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I will take notice of the question, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Macquarrie.]

[Translation]

SPORTS

CANADA-RUSSIAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT—EXCLUSION
OF CERTAIN PLAYERS—REPRESENTATIONS BY PRIME
MINISTER TO HOCKEY CANADA

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to—

[English]

Mr. Skoberg: A supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Champlain.

[Translation]

Mr. Matte: Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Could he tell this House what particular representations he has made in order to bring about a change in the decision of Hockey Canada regarding the exclusion of certain stars from the team which will represent Canada against the USSR?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, these representations have been made publicly to everyone's knowledge. I have written letters to the three organizations concerned: Hockey Canada, the Players Association and the National Hockey League, asking them to put Canada's interest above their concerns.

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[English]

SHIPPING

INQUIRY AS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF DARLING REPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of foreign flag vessels using foreign crews in our coastal waters, which results in the loss of many jobs for Canadians, can the Minister of Transport now advise the House when he will implement the recommendations of the Darling report on coastal shipping concerning this issue?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the Darling report has many particular aspects. I am assuming the member is talking about the rejection of what is commonly referred to as the Commonwealth preference. Last week I invited the four Atlantic provincial premiers, who are in the areas most affected by such an action, to give me their views. As soon as they are received, as well as others, we will make some decision on this matter. But it is not, as I mentioned in the House before, an easy matter to resolve. There are many different points of view concerning the matter, particularly the question of the increase in the cost of living especially for people in eastern Canada.