

another decade to deal with the regrettable situation that has confronted the world in the past three weeks.

[Later:]

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, supplementary to a question asked earlier of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, can the minister advise the house whether, in the event of failure, we do have contingency plans to return our forces to the troubled area in the Middle East?

FLOODS

COLUMBIA RIVER—INQUIRY AS TO FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I wish to address a question to the honourable and gallant Minister of Industry. What co-operation from the federal government can the city of Trail and other communities on the Columbia river expect in combating the rapidly rising waters of the Columbia river?

An hon. Member: The High Arrow dam.

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): I thank the hon. member for having given me preliminary notice of this question. In reply to his very courteous inquiry may I say he is probably aware that the federal emergency measures organization is in constant touch with the flood situation in British Columbia, as well as with the provincial authorities. Under our present constitutional arrangements, requests for federal government assistance must originate with the provincial government.

I can assure the hon. member, however, that the federal government is fully aware of the danger of this situation and has mobilized the resources which it has available in order to meet any emergency which might arise, should a request be forthcoming from the provincial government.

Mr. Deachman: Is it not the case that the High Arrow dam constructed on the Columbia river will minimize—

Some hon. Members: Oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

INQUIRY AS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Is the federal-provincial agreement on technical and vocational training in force at the present time, so that adults may avail themselves of the training they need?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, we are continuing under the old agreement until such time as the workers who are attending a course have finished their training and others actually start to come into operation.

Mr. Caouette: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister tell us when training courses to further permanent education will be established, as he promised not so very long ago?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think that the supplementary question should be placed on the order paper.

[English]

SHIPPING

CHURCHILL—INQUIRY AS TO GRAIN SHIPMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Is the minister in a position to inform the house concerning anticipated grain shipments through the port of Churchill this year in comparison with last year's exports through the northern Manitoba seaport?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I can only say that the wheat board has been doing very good work in encouraging shipments through the port of Churchill. I believe this year's movement is now assured at about the same level as last year's and, of course, we will continue to strive to improve the position.

GRAIN

WHEAT—INQUIRY AS TO RATIFICATION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): I too have a question to ask the Minister of Trade