

the Department, whether from foreign nationals abroad or foreign diplomats in Canada. This is done for the information of RCI and material for reply is provided by RCI, either verbally or in writing, to be passed on at the discretion of the Department of External Affairs to the person or official who complained. No directives are received by Radio Canada International from the Department of External Affairs as to what should or should not be broadcast to any country. A frank review of criticisms received from abroad is normal procedure.

3. Dr. Yaroshevsky's denial was conveyed to the Director of RCI and accepted by him. Dr. Yaroshevsky is still a contributor to RCI programs. There is no proof that he concocted demonstrations in order to report on them. (a) and (b) Not applicable.

UIC—RETIREMENT CLAIMS AND APPLICATIONS FOR CANADA
PENSION PLAN

Question No. 100—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. How many retirement claims have been filed with the Unemployment Insurance Commission in each of the past two years by applicants just prior to their going on the Canada Pension Plan and what is a breakdown of these in each Region of the Commission?

2. How many applications for the Canada Pension Plan from those retiring from the work force were received during the same period of time?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Unemployment Insurance Commission and Health and Welfare Canada as follows: 1. Statistics are not maintained for applicants just prior to their going on Canada Pension Plan. However, the number of retirement claims (not in receipt of CPP/QPP) is available in Statistics Canada Publication No. 73001 entitled Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act.

2. Fiscal Year 1974-75, Number of Applicants 93,867; Fiscal Year 1975-76, Number of Applicants, 113,391. The above figures represent all applications for retirement pensions in these two years. As the Canada Pension Plan legislation does not require a person to be retired from the work force in order to be eligible to receive a retirement pension, it is not possible to answer the question within its specific context.

RESIGNATION OF SOCIAL DIRECTOR, VETERANS' HOSPITAL,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Question No. 814—**Mr. McKinnon:**

Is the Social Director for the Veterans' Hospital in Victoria (Mr. Cassels) due to retire in the spring of 1977 and, if so, has the Department of Veterans Affairs made plans to replace him or to continue employing him on a part-time basis?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):
No.

[English]

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with respect to the answers given during the question period. Normally I would not raise this matter except for the remarks of

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the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources yesterday evening. I have a number of questions on the order paper relating to plans for the development of a uranium refinery in the province of Saskatchewan. I have had these questions on the order paper for a considerable period of time, but no answers have been forthcoming. An allegation was made yesterday by the parliamentary secretary that I was misleading my constituents on this issue. I would ask the parliamentary secretary, who is in charge of responding to these questions, to ask the minister for answers to the questions so that I will not be accused of misleading people in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Goodale: Mr. Speaker, with all questions we proceed as quickly as we can to provide the answers which hon. members are seeking. In this case we will proceed as diligently as we can to obtain the information for the hon. member.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

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LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow) to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the revelation today that unemployment has reached the highest level in 15 years and will increase even further in the coming winter, resulting in having the highest number of Canadians unemployed since the great depression.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent) has given the Chair notice, pursuant to Standing Order 26, of his intention to move the motion. That has, of course, given the Chair the opportunity, as the Standing Order anticipates, to give the matter some consideration. Standing Order 26 reads as follows:

Leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration—

Certainly, that language would indicate that a matter such as unemployment or any other matter of national concern would fall into that category. However, the practice and precedents in the House have indicated that the primary consideration which should govern the decision of the Chair in reference to this Standing Order is not so much whether a matter is one of continuing concern but, specifically, whether it is of critical proportions and constitutes a crisis as opposed to being chronic. While the matter of unemployment can scarcely be brushed aside as not qualifying under the opening paragraph of Standing Order 26, I am sure hon. members