

who have not only suffered a disastrous loss but one which prevents them earning their future livelihood?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I missed the previous series of questions, but just on the basis of the question I did hear the answer is yes. We always do give a very sympathetic hearing to any such request made by any government around the world, and I take it that if some government has made such a request we would give it such sympathetic consideration.

**Mr. Muir:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I do not care how rude and arrogant the Prime Minister is toward me personally, I just consider the source whence it comes, but surely we should not expect this from the leader of a country in reference to men and women who are starving, have no equipment and cannot fish.

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

**Mr. Muir:** This arrogance by him goes on all the time.

● (1450)

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, I am sure the hon. member did not notice but I was unable to follow the exchange on the subject which preceded the question to me. I was in another member's seat discussing a question relevant to another subject. I apologize if I was not able to follow the serious question asked by the hon. member, but I really see no ground for his accusing me of arrogance because I was not in my seat when he asked these questions.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for South Western Nova on a supplementary and perhaps the hon. member for St. John's East later. After the hon. member for South Western Nova, I will see the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway and return to this matter later.

LOSSES SUFFERED BY ATLANTIC REGION FISHERMEN  
FROM STORM—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF  
FAILURE TO BROADCAST SUPPLEMENTARY WEATHER  
FORECAST

**Mr. Charles E. Haliburton (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to return to the Minister of Fisheries to whom the first question was addressed. In view of the fact that the weather forecaster who was on duty in the Atlantic region on Saturday night or Saturday afternoon when the storm first approached indicated, during the course of an interview yesterday morning on CBH, that while a supplementary forecast had been issued it in fact was never broadcast until some ten or twelve hours later, and as earlier broadcasting would have given at least some warning to fishermen or others involved in the storm, would he undertake to investigate the means of distributing forecasts, particularly supplementary and corrected forecasts, in order that the public might be aware of changed conditions?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** The answer is yes, Mr. Speaker.

*Oral Questions*

**URBAN AFFAIRS**

JERICO DEFENCE LAND, VANCOUVER—REQUEST FOR  
TRANSFER TO CITY

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Prime Minister or, if he is not available, to the Minister of National Defence, either one or the other. In view of the federal government's recent announcement that it is willing to spend \$33 million to acquire waterfront property on Lake Ontario to provide marine and park facilities for the city of Toronto, will the federal government grant the request of the Lower Mainland Parks Advisory Association, which includes Vancouver and 19 other municipalities, that the remaining 38 acres of Jericho defence lands be returned to the city of Vancouver for parks and public recreation purposes?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I am certain the hon. member knows that this matter is under negotiation with the city of Vancouver. Until those negotiations are completed it is not possible to make any announcement.

**Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver Kingsway):** In view of the fact we have been getting the same response for at least six months, to my certain knowledge, would the minister undertake before the rise for the holidays, whenever we do, to make a statement in the House about the present position of the negotiations?

**Mr. Richardson:** Mr. Speaker, I will keep the House informed.

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary to the minister. Would the minister inform the House just what particular difficulty these negotiations are encountering so far as the position of the government is concerned? It seems to me that the government knows exactly what it has to do to end these negotiations with respect to that property—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is arguing now. I believe the hon. member was recognized for a supplementary, which has been asked.

**Mr. Richardson:** Mr. Speaker, there is no difficulty as far as the government's position is concerned. We made an agreement, which was agreed to by the city. We were quite happy with it. The city now wishes to change it and we are trying to accommodate their wishes.

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**BILINGUALISM**

FEDERAL GRANTS FOR TEACHING OF SECOND  
LANGUAGE—ALLEGED MISUSE BY CERTAIN  
PROVINCES—MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a question of the hon. Secretary of State.

Since some members are showing concern about the grants paid to the provinces for the teaching of a second language, can the minister tell us if he has proof that some