

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: I doubt that such a question is urgent. The hon. member will perhaps want to put it on the order paper.

[English]

TRADE**WHEAT—FURTHER SHIPMENT IN SETTLEMENT FOR INFERIOR QUALITY DELIVERED**

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Mr. Speaker. Canada has agreed to pay Japan \$160,000 to settle a dispute over damp wheat shipped during last November. Will the minister tell us whether Canada has attempted to make arrangements for compensation similar to those made by the United States under which wheat was shipped in place of money by way of compensation? This would of course permit us to ship more grain, of which we now have a surplus in western Canada.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): This was an ex gratia payment by the Wheat Board in compensation for delays in shipping and in compensation, also, for some milling problems from the point of view of Japanese milling requirements in respect of Canadian lower grade wheat, namely No. 4 Northern. The grade of the wheat was not in question. As to the question whether wheat was offered instead of money, I will undertake to find out.

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): A supplementary question. Was this situation investigated to determine responsibility and in order to ensure that it will not be repeated? If so, can the minister report on the results of the investigation?

Mr. Pepin: One part of my previous answer covered that point, Mr. Speaker. I said the grading of the wheat was not in question.

Mr. Horner: Is the \$160,000 coming out of the Wheat Board pools or will it come out of the federal treasury?

Mr. Pepin: From the Wheat Board pools.

COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS**KAPUSKASING, ONT.—ALLEGED COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OF GRAHAM DELINE**

Mr. Ralph Stewart (Cochrane): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Secretary of State. Since he is not here and since it is of considerable urgency may I direct it to his representative in the house. Since infiltration into the Company of Young Canadians

[Mr. Caouette.]

by revolutionaries has been alleged at various times and answered in general terms, may I ask whether the minister intends to take action. If so, what action does he intend to take regarding the latest and most specific instance of communist indoctrination of our young people at Kapuskasing high school by one Graham Deline, a member of the Company of Young Canadians?

Mr. Speaker: Order please. I think this is the type of question that could easily be debated at the time of adjournment.

NATIONAL PARKS**JASPER—INQUIRY AS TO EASING OF RESTRICTIONS**

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Since the minister advised this house last week that he had had a very cordial meeting with the citizens of Jasper, may I ask why he limited his contact with the businessmen of the town to the thirty seconds in which to receive a petition to the government? Was he advised at the time that they were to continue on as they had intended, and was the town to be on rotational one day strikes throughout the summer?

[Translation]

Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I do want to make a correction—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Chrétien: I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I suggest that the hon. member check his facts. I spent two hours listening to Jasper businessmen making representations. I received a petition from one minority business group and I told them, as I stated in the house, that I would put the interest of all Canadians before the interests of a few businessmen from Jasper.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Before getting excited, he should have listened to my question. I asked him if all he did was receive a petition from Jasper businessmen, and if the whole thing took only 30 seconds, as reported by their spokesman.