

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the question is rather broader than the scope of the responsibilities of this department.

Mr. Noble: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary which I should like to direct to the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister give the House any information regarding reports that there is a guerilla training camp operating in northern Quebec?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, directing the previous question to me, I can answer as the minister has that this is not a question of immigration, I understand, but a question of returning Canadians. Indeed, if they are suspect as the hon. member suggests, it would not be a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration but rather a question for the Solicitor General. I would appreciate it if he would also direct the latter question to the Solicitor General who would know more about it than I.

Mr. Noble: Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a further question to the Prime Minister. Perhaps he will remember that when he was Minister of Justice I directed this question to him. Would the Prime Minister not make an investigation as promised when I put the same question to him in March, 1968, with regard to a guerilla training camp in northern Quebec?

Mr. Trudeau: Would the hon. member read my answer at that time? I do not remember it exactly.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe that the hon. member for Sainte-Marie wants to ask a supplementary question.

[English]

PROHIBITION OF ENTRY INTO CANADA OF KNOWN
ANARCHISTS AND REVOLUTIONARIES

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the serious problems in Quebec, does the federal government intend to amend the immigration laws so that we do not tolerate the entry into this country of known anarchists and revolutionaries from other countries?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): The government has under consideration the whole question of our present immigration laws and procedures, and further comment on these subjects will be put before the House in this session, as hon. members know from reading the Speech from the Throne.

[Translation]

PUBLICITY GIVEN BY CBC TO PROFESSIONAL AGITATORS
AND REVOLUTIONARIES

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question I wish to direct to the Secretary of State.

[Mr. Noble.]

Since he is official spokesman for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, would he tell us whether he intends to issue guidelines for bringing an end to the continuing broadcast from the transmitters of this Crown corporation, of statements made by well-known revolutionaries and professional agitators?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the Broadcasting Act, it is not the responsibility of the Secretary of State to issue such guidelines but that of the Governor in Council, the Cabinet in other words. I do not think any such action is being considered at this moment.

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[English]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

PLANS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS FOLLOWING CLOSING
OF RIVERS AIR BASE

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): My question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Is the hon. gentleman meeting with a delegation from western Manitoba today led by the Manitoba Minister of Industry and Commerce to discuss ways and means of dealing with the economic problems created by the closing of the Rivers air base?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that it is not in order simply to ask the minister whether he is meeting with a delegation. I fail to see how that can be accepted as a question during the question period.

Mr. Dinsdale: May I rephrase my question, Mr. Speaker. Will the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion be making an announcement soon on specific plans and proposals to deal with the economic crisis created by the closing of the Rivers air base?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, it is my intention, and I believe arrangements have been made, to go to Rivers and Gimly early next week in order to study this problem with provincial authorities and draw up a plan likely to assist those involved.

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

Will the minister go to that province and tell citizens, as he did last week in Val-d'Or that they are negative people?

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[English]

SOCIAL SECURITY

INCOMES—TABLING OF WHITE PAPER—PENSION
LEGISLATION

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of