

Inquiries of the Ministry

the suggestion that a white paper be tabled on bilingualism in Canada?

[English]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, a report has been prepared on the progress of bilingualism in the federal civil service. That report is being translated. As soon as the translation is completed, which I hope will be today or tomorrow, perhaps it could be tabled in the house.

[Translation]

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the hon. Minister of Justice.

I should like to ask him whether he has found a way to overcome the obstacles brought forward by the Quebec government with regard to insertion of language guarantees in the constitution?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question, as asked, is out of order.

[English]

IMMIGRATION**SASKATCHEWAN—ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICANTS FROM KENYA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration but in his absence the parliamentary secretary may wish to take notice of it. Has any request been received from the premier of Saskatchewan that a special effort be made to accept British subjects in Kenya for residence in Saskatchewan, despite reports that unemployment is on the increase in the prairies?

Mr. J. C. Munro (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I am not aware of any such request, Mr. Speaker. I will check it out and reply tomorrow or the next day.

PUBLIC WORKS**FRASER RIVER—INQUIRY AS TO AGREEMENT ON CONTROL PROJECTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources having to do with the Fraser river flood control agreement. Can the minister say whether he has met with the British Columbia minister concerned, and

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whether an agreement on this matter has been signed?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I met on Saturday with the minister of lands, forests and water resources of British Columbia. I made suggestions to him regarding the federal-provincial Fraser river flood control agreement. He is to report to his colleagues. I am to report to mine. We are to meet again in a few days.

[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**JOHN STEPHEN MARSHALL—REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF SENTENCE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Solicitor General. It follows a question asked by my colleague the hon. member for Cape Breton North and Victoria on March 1. Has the Solicitor General had an opportunity to talk with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development regarding the Cape Breton Indian, Stephen Marshall, who at his trial according to reports was not represented by counsel and could not speak English? Is the minister's department doing anything to assist this man in an appeal by way, for instance, of providing defence counsel?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I have had an opportunity to discuss the matter with my colleague the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Every effort is being made to give assistance to this individual on his appeal.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**MEDICARE—MEETING WITH PROVINCES RESPECTING IMPLEMENTATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct this question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the great shift in opinion from universality to selectivity in welfare, and in view of our present financial situation, does the minister plan further talks with the provinces before implementing his universal medicare bill?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): No, Mr. Speaker.