

the government and the House leader, we would be very pleased to study the matter.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

IMPENDING DEMOLITION OF GUELPH ARMOURIES— REASON FOR EXPENDITURE ON SIGN

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the fact negotiations are almost completed between his department and the city of Guelph for the sale of the armouries which have been there for 61 years and will be demolished, can the minister explain why as late as last week a large sign which is reported to have cost \$500 and contains nothing more than "Department of National Defence, Canadian Forces Armouries, Guelph" was erected?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think that is a proper question. It should be placed on the order paper. The hon. member will agree that his question is more in the form of a grievance. It is not a question that can be accepted at this time.

Mr. Hales: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

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IMMIGRATION

SUGGESTED EXAMINATION OF ACT AND REGULATIONS BY COMMITTEE

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Bearing in mind the serious problems which have been created by the existing provisions of the Immigration Act and the regulations governing immigration, would the minister urge his colleagues to arrange for the appointment of a parliamentary committee as soon as possible to look into this whole question and make recommendations? I shall not refer to the many cases, but in light of facts of which I am sure the minister is aware would the hon. gentleman consider the appointment of such a committee?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, may I draw the hon. member's attention to the fact that hearings were completed before the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration not more than a week ago, at which hearings his party was very adequately represented.

SUICIDE OF ALICIA WIERCIOCH—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): I have a supplementary question either to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration or to the Acting Prime Minister.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Because Canada's international reputation is involved, and because draft dodgers are greeted with open arms and political assassins are allowed to remain here while hardworking people whose only desire is freedom commit suicide—

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Would the hon. member ask his question? That is not a question; it is an argument or a speech. He should ask a question.

Mr. Paproski: These are facts, Mr. Speaker, because they are treated like criminals by reason of the inhumane and ruthless bureaucratic regulations. I ask this question—

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That, I suggest to the hon. member, is not in accordance with the rules. He is really making a speech. If every member took advantage of the rules in this way there would not be many questions asked during the question period. I think there is a responsibility resting on all members to abide by the rules.

Mr. Paproski: Would the minister, or the Acting Prime Minister, tell us whether the government is conducting a special inquiry into the tragic death of Alicia Wiercioch who loved Canada so much that she killed herself to stay here?

Mr. Speaker: This question has, of course, been asked before. But the minister might have additional information and he might wish to reply at this time.

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I did ask for an inquiry in the light of what appeared to be circumstances concerning my department. I might say that the lady in question was not ordered deported on the ground that she was working illegally in Canada, as reported in the press. She obtained the right to work in 1970. She was not ordered deported before she came to the end of her appeal procedure. In fact, her lawyer had indicated her case would be resubmitted for appeal some time in the future and had asked permission to have the normal period of time for appeals to the Federal Court extended. Also, there was still the possibility of an appeal to the Supreme Court. Thus, although the circumstances are very tragic, they can hardly be linked to any rights which this person was denied.

Mr. Paproski: Can the minister report to the House on the number of deportations to countries behind the Iron Curtain in the last six months?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is asking, I suggest, for statistical information, and questions of that kind should be placed on the order paper.

REQUEST THAT ALL PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE APPEAL BOARD BE ENTITLED TO COUNSEL

Mr. Douglas A. Hogarth (New Westminster): Will the minister assure the House that all persons appearing