

Inquiries of the Ministry

being consigned to the plant as well as the obsolescence of the facilities, not for the reason I stated. I am sorry if I misled any member of the House.

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MANPOWER**PURPOSE OF TIME AND MOTION STUDY IN EDMONTON OFFICE**

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the time and motion study now being performed by 30-odd staff officers from the Winnipeg head office in the Edmonton manpower office, would the minister please advise the House whether this study was implemented to demoralize the staff in Edmonton or can we expect the staff to find more jobs for the unemployed after the study has been completed?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

SIGNIFICANCE OF TRAINING PROGRAM FOR UNEMPLOYED COLLEGE STUDENTS—AVAILABILITY TO GRADUATES

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister. In light of the announced training program at the Red River Community College in Manitoba for unemployed college students, can he inform the House whether this program signals a new approach to manpower retraining?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice.

Mr. Murta: May I also ask the Acting Prime Minister whether, in light of this announcement, the government is now prepared to make this course available to all unemployed college graduates?

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**DISPUTE WITH UNION OVER WAGES AND JOB SECURITY—PARTICIPATION OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR SPECIALISTS**

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State regarding the CBC. In view of the deadlock between the CBC and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, particularly in the area of wages and job security, has the minister sought assistance from the Minister of Labour in assigning one of his industry specialists to the dispute?

An hon. Member: What for?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the negotiations between the Canadian Broadcasting

[Mr. Olson.]

Corporation and its employees' union were followed very closely by my department and also by the Department of Labour and I must say that at the present time the CBC is still ready to re-open the negotiations as soon as the union is willing to do so.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. After looking at the names set forth in the roster list, effective as of January 11, 1971, and after looking round the House, I find that seven ministers are not present.

Mr. Benson: There is a federal-provincial conference going on.

Mr. McCleave: The seven in question are the Prime Minister, the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Labour, the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, soon to be the minister of environment, and the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

I happen to have questions for three of four of those ministers, in particular for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. I should like him to explain certain remarks he made in Quebec City over the weekend. I have questions for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry dealing with the unemployment problem facing shore fishermen, as well as questions of somewhat lesser importance for other ministers.

I suggest this is an absolute breach of faith on the part of these ministers having regard to the business we are expected to deal with in Parliament. I take this opportunity of raising this as a very serious and substantial question of privilege. I know we will be faced with the answer that—

An hon. Member: How many members have you got over there?

Mr. McCleave: I can give a very simple answer to that question. When we have questions to raise we are here to raise them, and we want to find people here to answer them. It is the responsibility of the government to answer these questions, not ours.

An hon. Member: You have only 21 members over there.

Mr. McCleave: I am not directing my remarks to all the ministers who are absent but rather to those to whom I have specific questions to direct today. I suggest this is an absolute breach and dereliction of duty on the part of ministers which denies the rights of Members of Parliament, and I raise this matter as a question of privilege at this time.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.