

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is asking the minister to make a statement, which I suggest cannot be done at this time.

Mr. Rose: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Your Honour ruled a similar question out of order on March 12. The question was posted to be debated on the adjournment debate of March 17. I raised the matter then but received no reply. I raised the matter again yesterday by way of a question of privilege and received no reply then. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, may I again transfer this question to the adjournment debate, in the hope that it will be debated as soon as possible and that I shall receive a satisfactory answer at that time.

Mr. Speaker: I assure the hon. member that his question will be considered carefully and will be put on the agenda of questions to be considered at the time of adjournment as quickly as possible.

[Translation]

IMMIGRATION**ASSISTANCE TO FRENCH SPEAKING WORKERS**

Mr. Roland Godin (Porineuf): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Since in the Quebec City and Montreal areas immigrant workers are subsidized to learn English, can the French Canadians of those areas expect to receive the same advantages soon?

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will answer that question.

I am surprised that it has been asked in that form, but I will take it as notice and the minister will answer it when he is here.

[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE**NEGOTIATIONS AS TO FREEDOM IN ARRANGING WORK SCHEDULE**

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the President of the Treasury Board. Will he say whether, in its negotiations with the Public Service Alliance of Canada, Treasury Board is demanding complete freedom to require employees to work any schedule of hours or shift. Also, is Treasury Board demanding the

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right to make unilateral changes in present, standard working conditions not covered by a contract, without any negotiations being entered into?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member ought to place that question on the order paper.

GRAIN**WHEAT—DISCUSSIONS WITH ALBERTA PREMIER**

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Can he say whether he or his colleague, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Pepin), held any discussions with Premier Strom of Alberta during his current visit to Ottawa respecting the serious situation facing Canadian wheat farmers. If so, what determination if any was made?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the answer to the first part of the question is yes. The answer to the second part is that I do not believe private conversations should be made public.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**NATO—RECIPROCAL TROOP STRENGTH REDUCTIONS WITH WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES**

Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has he, along with his officials, studied carefully or shown any interest at all in the proposal made last evening by the Soviet Union that there be reciprocal reductions in troop strengths on the part of Warsaw pact and NATO countries?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I hope this news is correct, because the NATO powers made similar proposals many months ago.

AGRICULTURE**REQUEST FOR DAIRY POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. H. A. Moore (Wetaskiwin): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. Since the Congress on Agriculture will begin its meetings on Monday, will the minister agree to announcing the government's 1969-70 dairy policy this week, so that it may be considered at the congress?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, dairy policy will be considered