

we have visited 125 industries under federal jurisdiction. I have given priority to the establishment of regulations recognizing the dangers in the mining industry. We are working very assiduously in the Cape Breton area at the present time to complete all the regulations pertaining to mines in that area.

[Translation]

COMMUNICATIONS

CO-OPERATION WITH FRANCE IN SPACE AND SATELLITE RESEARCH

On the orders of the day:

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs a question.

At the beginning of October 1968, at a meeting of the United Nations, he met the foreign minister of France regarding the co-operation of France and Quebec in the field of satellite telecommunication. He then promised to present a statement to the house on that matter. Therefore, I ask the hon. minister whether such negotiations are under way between the representative of France and those of Canada, in the field of satellite telecommunication.

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the government of Canada has made direct representations to the government of France on this subject.

NATIONAL SECURITY

JAMES EARL RAY—ALLEGED POSSESSION OF FORGED CANADIAN PASSPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Justice whether a charge has been laid against anyone in reference to the passport issued to Mr. Ray and, if a charge has been laid, what court is it before and what is the nature of the charge?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to add at the moment to what the Solicitor General said to the hon. member in reply to his question on Tuesday.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I did not ask this question of the Solicitor General. With the greatest respect, I understand the Minister of Justice is looking after the administration of justice in this country. Has a charge been laid against the person recommending

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the application of Mr. Ray and, if so, what kind of a charge and what court is it before?

Mr. Turner: Mr. Speaker, I cannot add to what has already been said by the Solicitor General.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): You couldn't find Hal Banks either.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: I hope the hon. gentleman is not going to ask the same question a third time.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, let me put it this way. Is the Minister of Justice on some ground of federal policy refusing to answer the question?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): On the same ground already advanced by the Solicitor General on Tuesday, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Woolliams: Well, Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I should think the hon. member would agree that this is becoming a debate.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I should like to speak on a point of order. I know about the rule in relation to ten o'clock, but it does seem to me that this kind of question has been asked on several occasions and ministers of justice have always given information. I am not asking about the court procedure, and I did not ask the question of the Solicitor General but rather of the Minister of Justice. I can only suggest with the greatest respect that this minister has something to hide.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

EDMONTON—REPORTED SHORT WEIGHT OF ICE CREAM BARS

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs in respect of a matter of long standing. What steps if any has the minister taken to deal with the complaint from Calgary lodged some months ago that fudgsicles—ice cream bars—made by the Woodland Dairy of Edmonton are half an ounce less than the quantity printed on the label, and the public is thereby being defrauded?