

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Lewis: Then may I ask whether the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs can inform us of what machinery there is with respect to fighting pollution in the north?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, we have been having continuous discussions with the Soviet Union and with the United States on the question of pollution of the Arctic and we have established machinery for continuation of these talks. It does not seem to us very likely that we will be able to have a treaty. Therefore we are working toward co-operation in controlling pollution in the Arctic.

• (2:20 p.m.)

[Translation]

CANADIAN-SOVIET COMMUNIQUÉ—EXCHANGE OF PRODUCTS WITH U.S.S.R.

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

The Minister has just said that six different groups are now studying trade possibilities with the USSR and mentioned that we could export prefabricated houses, heavy machinery, etc, to that country. On the other hand, on the basis of the studies that have been made, what can we buy from the Russians that we cannot produce in Canada? Can the Minister mention any one product?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): It is not the government's policy to limit imports to those products that we cannot produce ourselves? To give concrete examples, I will say that Canada recently bought heavy water from the USSR in order to meet the needs of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. Also Canadians may buy raw cotton from the USSR. Likewise there is a possibility to sell turbines in British Columbia.

The Soviets do for the Canadian market exactly what we do for the Soviet market, that is, they explore the needs of the Canadian market as we explore those of the Soviet market.

[English]

CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN NATO AND NORAD

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): I wish to address a supplementary question to the right hon. Prime Minister. As a result of the statement he made today I would ask if Canada still belongs to the NATO and NORAD organizations?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I think so, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I am not so sure either after that answer.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS—PRESENTATION OF SPECIFIC PLAN TO LABOUR AND MANAGEMENT FOR CONSIDERATION

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): I have a question for the Prime Minister related to a contingency

plan for wage and price controls. As the Minister of Labour has been holding discussions with the CLC and the CNTU, and in light of recent indications of labour and management's willingness to consider and consult on the development of a contingency plan of wage and price controls, has the government decided to present a specific plan to labour and management for their consideration?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think this news item, which was only brought to my attention this morning, is a good sign and we are happy if labour is now prepared to consider such a plan. I have said repeatedly that the government's policy would be to have a plan of wage and income control only if necessary. As I just said two days ago, there has been no approach to business or management or the provinces for the application of such a plan at this time.

Mr. Alexander: In light of the fact that labour seems to accept its responsibility and appears to be equally concerned about the state of the economy, can the Prime Minister advise the House at this time if the government is prepared to accept the five criteria for a fair income, policy that were stated by Mr. Ed Finn?

Mr. Trudeau: I am not aware of the policy stated by Mr. Ed Finn, Mr. Speaker, but I shall look into it.

An hon. Member: You are not very sharp today, are you?

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. Can the Prime Minister assure the House that any further co-operative development of a contingency plan of wage and price controls will be undertaken by the Department of Labour, the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and the Department of Finance rather than by the discredited Prices and Incomes Commission headed by one Young?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The right hon. member for Prince Albert.

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PENITENTIARIES

PRINCE ALBERT—CLEARING OF SUSPENDED GUARDS OF NEGLIGENCE IN 1970 RIOT—REQUEST THAT MINISTER WITHDRAW CERTAIN STATEMENTS

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General and concerns the riots in Prince Albert penitentiary in the fall of 1970. Following this there was an investigation by officials of the penitentiaries department and six guards or warders were suspended. They appealed by way of grievance. Is the minister now in a position as a result of independent investigation which took place, to say whether the six who were condemned by him and in the original investigation have now been cleared of all negligence?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, as the right hon. member knows, there was an appeal from the sentences rendered in the first instance which