

Oral Questions

clear away bureaucratic impediments which may be hindering its effectiveness?

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Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I had that particular situation looked into. There was one technical problem arising out of the agreement which was causing some delay in one region. I understand that has now been corrected, or is in the process of being corrected. I think that one of our better operations is our community employment strategy. I welcome the support of the hon. member for that particular type of operation.

Mr. MacKay: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The minister knows that unemployment has reached unprecedented levels in the country, in some areas. Over one million Canadians have no means to live beyond, as the Prime Minister gratuitously stated. Could the minister be specific and make sure that more of the CES funds are used for direct job creation, and less for administrative costs, for running the program. Also, Mr. Speaker, will the minister encourage the efforts of organizations and local boards, so that this program can live up to expectations of the minister's predecessor?

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, we have a good program, but are always prepared to make it better. I have noted the hon. member's representations.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**UGANDA—PROPOSED CONDEMNATION OF ATROCITIES AND LOSS OF CIVIL LIBERTIES**

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State for External Affairs may I direct my question to the Prime Minister? In view of the continuing reports from Uganda and the mounting concern of Canadians, will the Prime Minister advise the House when the government will officially condemn the atrocities and loss of civil liberties in that country?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have already indicated that concern and disapproval. I had occasion yesterday to indicate that the whole matter could be discussed at the Commonwealth conference, if the Secretary General is willing to put it on the agenda. My argument is that the Singapore declaration, which concerns itself with human rights and is a charter of the beliefs and values established by members of the Commonwealth, could easily give us the occasion to look into that matter seriously.

[Mr. MacKay.]

NATIONAL DEFENCE**SUGGESTION NEW CHIEF OF STAFF VISIT NEWFOUNDLAND**

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. Since the new chief of defence staff is to be a naval officer and Newfoundland is by tradition and history naval oriented, may I ask if one of the first tasks of the new chief of defence staff will be to visit Newfoundland, to make him realize the importance of Newfoundland in our over-all defence posture and the importance of expanding our air-sea rescue and surveillance capabilities? That expansion would be appropriate for the defence of Canada, would increase our ability to conduct air and surveillance operations, and would create employment for native Newfoundlanders who will be able to provide that service.

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am sure that when the new chief of defence staff assumes his position he will be interested and objective about all services and certainly would want to visit Newfoundland at the first opportunity.

Mr. Paproski: What does he think of the new naval cadet uniforms?

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**REQUEST FOR SEPARATE BILL DEALING WITH REMISSIONS AND DANGEROUS OFFENDERS**

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. Since violent crime and murder are on the increase, and since the Solicitor General, in reply to my question of March 16 said, as reported on page 4034 of *Hansard*, that:

... the whole question of statutory remission and of dangerous offenders will be brought before parliament I hope in the near future in the successor to Bill C-83, which dealt with a number of these concerns.

I ask, is the minister to bring in a new bill dealing with dangerous offenders, etc., and will he undertake that, rather than using this particularly serious problem as a means for forcing through parliament unpalatable legislation, he will have this matter dealt with in a separate bill, separate and apart from one dealing with gun control, since such a bill could pass all stages in this House and committee expeditiously?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, all the matters to which the hon. member referred are immensely important and urgent. I hope that parliament will soon deal with all of them. They were examined exhaustively in committee in the last session. It therefore seems to me that it would be within parliament's capability to deal with all of them expeditiously.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: It's a "Basford" of a bill.