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invited von Thadden. Since that time I have not received any further representations. I heard the rumour that the student organization wishes to invite von Thadden. I am checking at present whether in fact this invitation has been extended.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): May I take it from the minister's answer that von Thadden is not yet in Canada?

Mr. Marchand: Just before coming to the house I heard an interview over the radio during which it was said that von Thadden was somewhere in the Canary islands. Therefore I presume he is not in Canada, unless he made an unregistered arrival.

SPORTS**SKIING—SHORTAGE OF FUNDS FOR NATIONAL TEAM**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Kootenay West addressed a question to my parliamentary secretary based on what he described as the very unexpected and distressing news that the national ski team of Canada is running out of funds and will have to return to Canada before the international ski competitions in Europe have been completed.

In view of this news report I asked that a review be made of the fitness grants given to the Canadian Amateur Ski Association this year. I was assured that the association received the financial assistance it had requested from the federal government for the European competitions. Yesterday the director of the fitness and amateur sports directorate telephoned Mr. Pierre Alain, the president of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association to verify the situation. Mr. Alain confirmed that there was no financial problem and that the team could complete its tour as originally planned.

While I am on my feet I should like to support the statement made by the hon. member for Kootenay West with respect to the magnificent performance of Miss Nancy Greene, who will be returning to Canada and to whom we will have an opportunity to pay an appropriate tribute in this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

[Mr. Marchand.]

CANADA PENSION PLAN**REPORTED DIFFICULTY RESPECTING DEDUCTIONS FOR PART TIME FARM HELP**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the difficulty experienced by farmers during 1966 in calculating and reporting contributions under the Canada Pension Plan for part time help, is the department seeking to find some simpler way of doing this so the problem will not be experienced again in 1967?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board): In order that contributors to the Canada Pension Plan may receive credit for their contributions, no matter where they work during the year, some record of course is necessary. There is a limited exemption with respect to farmers, and the department will be looking at the experience of this year. Of course the government will be considering what alterations are necessary to the Canada Pension Plan as it presently exists.

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): I should like to ask the Minister of National Revenue if he has found any system yet whereby employers' over-contributions will be repaid to them.

Mr. Benson: I have indicated several times previously that what we are going to do is look at the results of the reports put in by employers, which are due I believe by February 28 of this year, under the Canada Pension Plan. When we have received those, we will look at this general problem knowing its true nature and extent.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**FAMILY PLANNING AND BIRTH CONTROL—INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare if he can inform the house when we can expect legislation arising from the report of the committee looking into family planning and birth control.

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to indicate when any legislation will be forthcoming. The subject matter of the committee report is now under consideration by the department.