HOUSING

REFUSAL OF CMHC FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENTS NEAR AIRPORTS THAT VIOLATE COMPATIBLE LAND USE TABLE

Mr. P. M. Mahoney (Calgary South): My question is to the Minister without Portfolio charged with housing. Can the minister give an assurance that CMHC financing will be refused in developments near airports which violate the transport ministry's compatible land use table?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): It is my understanding that information has not yet been published regarding the compatible land use table, but I can assure the hon. member that consultations with the Department of Transport are proceeding with regard to revising CMHC requirements for residential developments to make sure they are compatible with their views.

Mr. Mahoney: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister consider deferring such financing for potential violations until the table is published?

Mr. Andras: We will give that consideration.

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WELFARE

NUMBER RECEIVING ASSISTANCE—REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF PAYMENTS

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): My question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. As the number of people receiving welfare assistance in metropolitan Toronto rose to a record of 47,079 last month, an increase of approximately 50 per cent compared with the same time last year, and as that figure is predicted to rise by 50 per cent over the next five months, will the government give emergency relief payments to that city and to other cities in Canada with the same problem?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): As the hon. member knows, the federal government pays 50 per cent of every dollar through the Canada Assistance Plan. I would think this is a sufficient answer.

Mr. Ryan: In view of the fact that employables are now coming on the rolls in great numbers and that the 50 per cent payment is not sufficient to take care of the situation, would the government consider giving relief to the extent of 100 per cent in respect of employables in view of the fact that the city says this situation is due to the anti-inflationary policy of the government?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The last part of the hon. member's question put him out of order.

FINANCE

SUGGESTED REDUCTION OF BANK INTEREST RATES

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): I have a question for the Minister of Finance. I should like to ask him whether

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it is in accordance with government policy that chartered banks should reduce their interest rates on money lent in line with the recent reductions by the Bank of Canada and, if so, will he consult these banks to determine why they are reluctant to give up their high interest rates which do nothing toward fighting unemployment?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): I think they should, and I will be glad to consult them.

Mr. Korchinski: Will he report back to the House on this?

Mr. Benson: Certainly.

NATIONAL SECURITY

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WAR MEASURES ACT DETENTIONS AND RELEASES

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): I should like to direct a question to the Solicitor General. In view of the fact that there seems to be some discrepancy between the figure which the minister gave the House on Wednesday with respect to the number of persons who have been detained under the War Measures Act regulations and that issued by the Attorney General of the province of Quebec, may I ask the minister whether he can now give us the figures he has regarding the number of persons who have been detained and the number who have been released? Can the minister also tell us the number of persons who have been charged and whether or not all these individuals have had a chance to communicate with their families and to secure counsel?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): I am very glad of the opportunity to clear up that matter. The number of persons released following detention under the special powers was 102 as of last night. The number still held as of last night was 232. The hon. member will notice that when those figures are added together the total of 334 is smaller than the figure which had previously been given of the number of people detained. I am getting precise information on that, but it appears—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me that we are running out of time and there are a number of hon. members who appear to have questions.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise on a point of order. It seems to me extremely important that when the minister tells us that 379 people have been detained and now we have a figure of 334 we should know what has happened to these people. I will not press the point now at this late hour, but the minister should undertake to make a full statement on Monday regarding the number of people who have been detained, the number who have been released and other particulars.

Mr. Speaker: It is my suggestion that this can be done early next week, but we have about reached the end of