

Inquiries of the Ministry

ARMOURIES

QUESTION AS TO USE BY PISTOL AND REVOLVER CLUBS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. K. Fraser (Peterborough West): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Are pistol and revolver clubs allowed to use the rifle ranges in armouries, or has notice gone out to the effect that they cannot use them any more? Police officers and other men have been using them in the past, but I understand a notice has gone out that they cannot use them any longer?

Hon. Brooke Claxton (Minister of National Defence): I will have to look into that.

Mr. Fraser: I brought up the question, Mr. Speaker, because I feel that it would be to the advantage—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Fraser: It would help in civil defence.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Fraser: These men should be allowed to use the armouries.

UNION DUES

REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENT TO BULLETIN NO. 5 REGARDING DEDUCTION FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue?

Mr. Stick: Don't make a speech.

Mr. Knowles: No, and it will be just one question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister have his department consider the possibility of sending out a supplement to the department's information bulletin No. 5 regarding the deduction of union dues for income tax purposes so as to make it clear that in the case of unions whose superannuation funds have already been approved payments made to such funds can still be deducted, as well as regular dues for the work of the union? As the minister knows, bulletin No. 5, dated October 26, 1951, a copy of which he has sent me—

Some hon. Members: Order.

An hon. Member: Ask your question and sit down.

Mr. Knowles: Just a minute. This bulletin sets out the form of receipt that trade unions can use. But it is confusing some trade unions on the matter of pension fund payments that are already authorized as deductible.

Hon. J. J. McCann (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I will see to it that officials of the department give consideration to the suggestion of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, if that information is not already contained in bulletin No. 5.

Mr. Knowles: I thank the minister. I am afraid it is not, so I will come over and talk with him about it.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

AUXILIARY SERVICES IN KOREA—SALVATION ARMY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of National Defence. Would the minister care to revise the statement he made to the house on October 29 concerning auxiliary services in Korea, in view of the evidence in the *Globe and Mail*—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

An hon. Member: It is always right.

Mr. Churchill: —showing a reproduction of an advertisement of the Salvation Army that appears in the *British Weekly*, indicating—

Some hon. Members: Question, question.

Mr. Churchill: —that the Salvation Army is supplying auxiliary services to British troops in Korea?

Hon. Brooke Claxton (Minister of National Defence): The information I gave the house on that occasion was based upon information received from officers of the department, and I verified it carefully with them. It was based upon reports received from officers who, themselves, had been in Korea. Since the article to which my hon. friend has referred appeared in this morning's issue of the *Globe and Mail*, I have asked them to check up with the British authorities, and to learn directly from them what the situation is.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

EFFECT OF PENSIONS UPON GRATUITOUS ALLOWANCES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, may I answer a question asked by the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggar (Mr. Coldwell), which was prompted by a question which his colleague the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) had asked concerning the application of rule 9 to pensioners of the Canadian