

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 23, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

PROTESTED FORM OF TRIAL FOR ALEXANDER TREU—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I am encouraged to do so by the strong and unanimous vote of condemnation last Thursday at the instance of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) expressing indignation at the form of certain trials in the Soviet Union, despite domestic law, because they were contrary to principles of natural justice and against the practice of Canadian courts. On a similar basis, I would move if leave be given, seconded by the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

That this House deplores the dangerous form of secret trial and the continuing restrictions involved in the case of Alexander Peter Treu which are contrary to the usual practice of Canadian justice.

Mr. Speaker: In accordance with Standing Order 43, such a motion can be presented for debate only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

PROPOSED RED-CIRCLING OF CERTAIN POSITIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of the fact that the matter that has recently been raised regarding public service overclassification is having an adverse effect on public service morale, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro):

That this House direct the President of the Treasury Board to release his department's October, 1976, report on overclassification in order that public servants will know how they are affected; and, secondly, that the subject matter

of this report be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates for full discussion before the Treasury Board undertakes wholesale red-circling of public servants, the policy of red-circling not having been designed for use on such a massive scale.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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YOUTH

CRITICISM OF APPLICATION FORM FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The Solicitor General's office is hiring students this summer to work on a project called Puppet Theatre. Students are being required to fill out a personal history form—I have the form here—which asks, among other things, "Have you travelled to a communist country since July 1, 1945?" It also requires fingerprinting of applicants. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this information should be excluded from the application form for a summer job in the Solicitor General's department.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion can be done only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUESTED SUSPENSION OF AID TO CUBA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of grave urgency. In view of the tragic episode this weekend in Zaire, where hundreds of innocent civilians from home and abroad were massacred on the streets of Kolwezi, and because it has been learned that military advisers from Cuba trained and possibly led the Katangan rebels in this