

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

statement there will be objections on the part of other members in the house.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, I did not ask for a statement today. I asked if the Prime Minister would be prepared to make a statement in the future outlining what the government intends to do. I did not ask for a reply today, but I should like to know if he is prepared to outline his policy in the near future, because we would like to hear it.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** The hon. member will have ample opportunity to hear it in connection with the budget presentation and in other ways.

**PENITENTIARIES****COLLINS BAY—INVESTIGATION INTO  
ESCAPE OF PRISONERS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** I should like to direct a question to the Solicitor General having to do with the appointment last Wednesday by the government of a judicial inquiry into the escape of four inmates from Collins Bay penitentiary. Can the Solicitor General inform the house whether such a judicial inquiry has been appointed, and if so why it was not announced last Wednesday when it was appointed?

**Mr. Speaker:** A question of a similar nature was asked yesterday or the day before. It is difficult to remember whether it was in exactly the same terms as the one which is now being asked by the hon. member. However, it appears the Solicitor General is prepared to reply now. He may refer at the same time to the question which was asked before.

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** In reply to the hon. member may I say that the appointment of Judge Deyman was made under the Penitentiaries Act by the commissioner, and not by the minister. I do not know if all the details have been cleared and whether the judge has secured approval from the senior county court judge to act in this capacity. However, I believe this permission will be forthcoming.

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** I wish to pose the question which I posed yesterday and which you invited the minister to answer but he did not. Yesterday I asked whether he had any statement to make about reports that (1) officials at Collins Bay penitentiary knew of an impending break and, (2) at least one of the guards' rifles was so mucked up with grease it would not fire.

[Mr. Speaker.]

**Mr. Speaker:** I appreciate the hon. gentleman's assistance in reminding me of the question and confirming the fact that the question was out of order.

**Mr. Nielsen:** May I ask a supplementary question of the Solicitor General. Do I take it that such an inquiry has in fact just been appointed?

**Mr. Pennell:** The answer is in the affirmative, Mr. Speaker. I understand that if clearances are given the inquiry will commence next Monday.

**SHIPBUILDING****BRITISH COLUMBIA—REQUEST FOR CORRE-  
SPONDENCE RESPECTING SUBSIDIES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** I have a question to ask of the Prime Minister arising out of a statement made last night by the Minister of Transport in committee of supply to the effect that the Prime Minister had received a letter from the premier of British Columbia in connection with the shipbuilding subsidy program. I ask the Prime Minister if he will table a copy of the letter from the premier of British Columbia and his reply to it. If so, when can he do this?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, it was not a letter, it was a telegram. I have been working this morning on a reply to the telegram in the form of a letter. If the premier of British Columbia has no objection, I would certainly be glad to table the communications.

**NORTHERN AFFAIRS****REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF ROADS TO  
RESOURCES PROGRAM**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** I have a question for the Prime Minister. Has the government given any further consideration to the possibility of extending or re-establishing the roads to resources program?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Perhaps I could take that question as notice.

**LABOUR RELATIONS****WHITESHELL, MAN.—STRIKE AT NUCLEAR  
RESEARCH STATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. E. R. Schreyer (Springfield):** My question is addressed to the Minister of Industry, although it may come within the purview of the Minister of Labour as well; I am not sure.