

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

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## QUEBEC—PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION OF WIRETAPPING

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** I wish to ask the Minister of Justice whether in view of his repeated expressions of opposition to wiretapping he will discuss with the Minister of Justice of Quebec the proposal there to implement wiretapping legislation?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** I believe my views on this subject are fairly well known. I hope to be able to bring a bill before the House either prior to or after the Christmas recess.

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## PAKISTAN—ASSISTANCE TO CYCLONE AND FLOOD VICTIMS

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North):** I have a question for the Secretary of States for External Affairs. Is the minister in a position to tell the House what action the Canadian government intends to take by way of assistance to the people of Pakistan in view of the terrible tragedy which has taken place there resulting in the deaths of possibly as many people as there are in the city of Ottawa?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** The Prime Minister sent today on behalf of the Canadian people a message of the deepest sympathy over the loss of life and destruction which has been caused in eastern Pakistan by the recent cyclone and tidal wave. He told the president that Canada was contributing \$50,000 immediately to the International Red Cross appeal fund for cyclone relief and has instructed his officials to determine what additional relief assistance we can best provide.

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## TRADE

## ALLEGED LABELLING OF AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS AS CANADIAN PRODUCTS

**Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River):** My question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister tell us whether agricultural products imported into Canada are being labelled for sale as products of Canada?

**Mr. Speaker:** I doubt whether this question is in order. It seems to me to be a very general question and unless the hon. member can be more specific it should be placed on the order paper.

**Mr. Downey:** Allegations are being made that certain agricultural products imported into this country are being labelled as products of Canada. Bearing in mind the \$35½ million agricultural trade deficit, would the minister look into this situation?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** It would be helpful if the hon. member could be a little more specific.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

[Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton).]

## AGRICULTURE

## PRICE OF DRESSED HOGS—ACTION UNDER AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION ACT

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the possibility that despite the very serious slump in hog prices in recent weeks farmers will receive no deficiency payments from the Agricultural Price Stabilization Board due to the nature of the support formula under which the board operates, will the minister consider calling a meeting of the board and its advisory committee in order to consider ways and means by which hog producers could receive supplementary payments until such time as market prices recover?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, there is no problem in referring whatever data are now available to the Agricultural Stabilization Board. They can, of course, have a meeting at the request of the industry or, indeed, I can ask them to have a meeting to consider this. I am sure they would be willing to do so with a request from either direction.

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

## WAR MEASURES ACT AND TEMPORARY PUBLIC ORDER BILL—REMARKS BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER PEARSON

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** My question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the remarks yesterday on national television by former Prime Minister Lester Pearson with respect to not having sufficient details to judge the correctness or otherwise of the government's action with regard to the War Measures Act and now the temporary public order bill, will the Prime Minister indicate what steps are being taken to clarify what I think is a good deal of uncertainty, as expressed by the former Prime Minister?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the exact nature of the remarks attributed to the former Prime Minister. If they are as the hon. member says, apparently the former Prime Minister is in the same situation as the hon. member. However, this does not apply to other hon. members because they all voted in support of the temporary measures bill.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** A supplementary question—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. As the hon. member knows, it is difficult to answer questions on statements made outside the House by persons other than members of the cabinet. Perhaps the hon. member might phrase his question differently.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** In light of the Prime Minister's response to my question, when we come to the vote on third reading of the temporary public order bill, is he willing to allow a free vote for all members of the House so that everyone connected—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.