

Inquiries of the Ministry

an increase over and above that amount, which is inadequate, will the minister have this matter looked into to assure that these officers shall receive fair and reasonable compensation?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I shall certainly bring the representations of the right hon. gentleman to the attention of the President of the Treasury and the Solicitor General.

PUBLIC SERVICE**EFFECT OF CUTBACKS ON WAR AMPUTEES**

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister, because I think this is important, whether he would investigate—and I use that word in its proper sense—the effect of the Civil Service cutbacks on war amputees who are of the opinion that they are being picked out because they are on pension due to injuries received in the war?

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I shall certainly ask the President of the Treasury Board to look into that matter, Mr. Speaker. I am quite sure that their impression is not accurate but I should like to see why they have arrived at it.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask one more question. When the investigation is made would the Prime Minister or the appropriate minister investigate the particular cases of Harry Weir and Charles Kent, who are typical of these cases across Canada although they happen to live in Calgary? They are being let out at a time of year when unemployment is at its highest in Canada.

POLLUTION**ESCAPE OF OIL FROM GROUNDED GREEK FREIGHTER**

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries or the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources who seems to be in very good voice today. What steps are being taken to control pollution by fuel oil from the 16,000 ton Greek freighter which went aground at Ferrer Point 70 miles north of Tofino recently and which is presently being broken up by the gale force winds of the past few days?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): The fisheries protection vessel *Tanu*

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

is there. The 16,000 ton vessel has a lot of oil on board and is creating a pollution problem. We are trying to develop some scheme whereby the oil can be dispersed without being harmful to the marine life there.

DUMPING OF OIL AND OTHER WASTE IN GREAT LAKES

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, my question arises from the concern over the continued dumping of oil and other waste from ships on the Great Lakes in direct contravention of the provisions of the Fisheries Act. In view of the fact that months, even years, of protracted negotiation will be required after final approval by Parliament of the Canada Water Act to make it an effective anti-pollution measure, will the government take immediate action to increase the low fines provided in the Fisheries Act so that we shall have some means of acting effectively against such pollution in the interim?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The member's question is in the form of a representation which he has to assume has been noted.

NATIONAL FILM BOARD**LAY-OFFS OF EMPLOYEES—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT**

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. In view of the fact that lay-offs proposed by the National Film Board are much higher than indicated earlier by him and as a result it is likely that a number of long service employees will be dismissed, will the minister give consideration to making a statement on motions at an early date about the future of the National Film Board?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I asked for a complete report in that matter, which I hope to get on Monday at the latest. Indeed, that might lead to a restatement.

[*English*]

RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER LEVYING CHARGES FOR USE OF FILMS

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. I should like to ask the minister whether he will reconsider a recent order to levy certain charges for films distributed by the National