

Mr. Speaker: That is just the point. If that argument were accepted, we would find the same 15 questions asked every day and I wonder whether that would be a proper practice. Perhaps the hon. member would wait a couple of days before he asks the question again.

UNEMPLOYMENT—DELAY IN PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS IN HAMILTON

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Is the minister aware that the problem with regard to welfare in Hamilton has been accelerated because workers who are entitled to unemployment insurance have been unable to take advantage of the fund and have been directed to the welfare office. As I understand it, payments covering some eight to 12 weeks have been held back as a result of delay in dealing with cheques. Would the minister look into this situation?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): I will try to ascertain immediately the reason for the delay and report back to the hon. gentleman as soon as possible.

Mr. Marshall: While I am waiting for a couple of days for my answer, would the Prime Minister ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare to announce the plans of the government to cope with the need of the disadvantaged of Canada for immediate relief while continuing discussions are held with the provinces in the course of the next several months?

ASSISTANCE TO UNEMPLOYED IN LIGHT OF SMASHING OF KINGSTON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OFFICE WINDOW BY BULLET

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): I should direct this question to the Minister of Finance, Mr. Speaker, but I will direct it to the Minister of Labour. In view of the fact that last evening a bullet smashed a plate glass window at the Kingston unemployment insurance office, an incident apparently precipitated by an irate insurance claimant, may I ask whether the situation is being investigated and whether the government, and especially the Prime Minister are now willing to offer some measure of possible encouragement to the unemployed in order to alleviate their chronic frustration and anxiety?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): The only thing I can report with accuracy is that the window is being replaced.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Lundrigan: I want to direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. In view of the present attitude of the Minister of Labour, and in view of the serious disquiet and disunity being hastened and heightened in this country as a result of this attitude—

Some hon. Members: Question!

Mr. Lundrigan:—would the Prime Minister be willing to suggest a modified diet to help all Canadians, especially the bona fide—

Mr. Speaker: Order please.

Inquiries of the Ministry

GRAIN

PRODUCTION AND RECEIPTS POLICY—INQUIRY AS TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSALS

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. Will he be making any announcement in the House regarding the implementation, in part or in whole, of the proposals regarding grain income, or does he intend to make such announcement in Saskatoon or Regina in a week's time?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I would expect that any announcement of that nature about the finalization of programs would be made after our discussions with producers and provincial governments have been completed, and that it would likely be made in the House.

Mr. Benjamin: Would the minister assure us that any such announcement about the implementation of proposals or legislation for their implementation will be made in this House before it is made anywhere else?

Mr. Lang: I should like to look at the exact text of the hon. member's question before I give either an affirmative or a negative reply.

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AGRICULTURE

CONSOLIDATION OF FARMS—PRESERVATION OF FAMILY FARM

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): In view of the continuing and real threat to the existence of small and medium-sized farm units, is the Minister of Agriculture prepared to tell the House whether his study to encourage the adjustment of farm units to a more efficient size has taken into consideration the importance of the preservation of the family farm?

Mr. Speaker: This is a question which is very general in nature. The hon. member might consider that he has made a representation to the minister. Perhaps the question should be viewed from that standpoint. I would not think the minister should be allowed to reply.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CHOICE OF APPROPRIATE LOCATION IN OTTAWA FOR CHINESE EMBASSY

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs a question.

Has he or a representative of his department already taken the necessary steps in order to find suitable accommodations for the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa so that the Chinese Communists will not have to keep on pressing as they are now prepared to settle here?