

Development in respect of which, hopefully, he may be able to help us. Would the minister look into the allegation that about a week or so ago the Banff Springs Hotel refused entry into the hotel to a group of people from the Morley Indian Reserve who had been invited to participate in meetings of the Alberta Architects Association at the hotel, and that the Banff Springs Hotel, after refusing entry, subsequently rescinded their refusal on the threat of the Alberta Architects Association that they would walk out of the hotel.

Mr. Judd Buchanan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to take that question as notice.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

DEPARTMENTAL STUDY OF IMPLICATIONS OF NATIONAL DEFENCE BASE CLOSURES

Mr. Doug. Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, this question is addressed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In light of the effect upon a number of Canadian communities of Canadian base closures I should like to ask the minister whether his department has made a study of the regional economic implications of base closures? If so, does he intend to make that report available to the House and to the public in general?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, there is no question of making a public report. Nevertheless, this question is under consideration since the cabinet decided to close the two bases and, by the way, I shall be going to Manitoba very soon to review with the Manitoba government the best means of correcting the unfortunate consequences of these two base closures.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to direct to the Prime Minister. Last week the leader of the New Democratic Party expressed his views on a television interview program regarding the implications of the War Measures Act. I gather he was chosen for this task because no federal minister—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should ask a question rather than make a speech.

Mr. Cafik: I shall put the question very simply, Mr. Speaker. Is it government policy to refrain from allowing cabinet ministers to make public statements to the press or on television regarding the implementation of the

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regulations because otherwise we leave the public as ill-informed as the leader of the New Democratic Party?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I had the impression that the hon. member wanted to make a speech.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF INCOME SECURITY AND VETERANS PENSIONS LEGISLATION

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the President of the Privy Council. Can he tell us when the legislation relating to income security and veterans pensions will be coming before the House?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): No, Mr. Speaker.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Now that the election in Montreal is over, in light of the difficulties that the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion has encountered and before the minister goes to Manitoba and before he makes any further statements, would the Prime Minister see that he applies for English instruction under the civil service's new B and B facilities?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

WAR MEASURES ACT—NON-PROSECUTION FOR ACTS COMMITTED PRIOR TO PROCLAMATION

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice and I am hoping to receive a less flippant and more direct answer. Would he assure the House that no one will be prosecuted for past acts that were not criminal prior to the proclamation of the War Measures Act?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to add further to what I have said, that prosecutions under the War Measures Act regulations lie within the jurisdiction of the Attorney General of the province of Quebec, and undoubtedly the Attorney General will want to interpret those regulations as they read.

[James J. ...]