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Inquiries of the Ministry INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. E. B. Osler (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, a short time ago a book was published in the United States alleging that Mr. Pearson and Mr. Bryce gave improper information to IT and T in connection with a project known as "Deep Freeze" in about 1954. Has the government taken any steps or is it contemplating any steps to investigate this serious allegation?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think that this question might be placed on the order paper. If there is urgency, I am sure that many hon. members would want to return at the time of adjournment to hear the hon. member expound on the matter and ask the question in a more detailed form.

TRADE

PROVISION OF MARKETS FOR PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY PRODUCTS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): My question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of lay-offs in the pulp and paper industry because of marketing and monetary circumstances, can the minister advise what initiatives his department or the government is taking to firm up these markets and stabilize the industry's future?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question can be allowed only if the minister will reply briefly. Normally a reply to such a question should be given in the form of a statement on motions.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Following representations made by the industry and the Secretary of State for External Affairs and myself to EEC countries some very important developments took place a few days ago following negotiations concerning pulp and newsprint. On pulp, the 3 per cent tariff on entry will be suspended. On newsprint, there will be a free entry quota which will permit Canadian pulp and paper producers to continue competing on the British market. The industry will also have a free entry quota on plywood on the continent, whereas in the past they had to pay a 13 per cent tariff.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): In view of the fact that the largest market for Canadian pulp and paper is the United States, has any initiative been taken at that level to try to improve the marketing conditions at present?

Mr. Pepin: I have no special development to report on that front.

SUGGESTED MORATORIUM ON FEDERAL GRANTS FOR NEW PAPER MILLS

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Is the minister prepared to recommend to his colleagues, especially

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to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, that a moratorium be placed on federal grants for new paper mills in Canada until the paper market has had a chance to improve?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Every project is studied on its own merit.

PENITENTIARIES

KINGSTON RIOT-REQUEST THAT INQUIRY BE HELD IN PUBLIC

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): My question is for the Solicitor General. In view of the concern expressed by John Hodgson, vice-president of the Ontario Bar Association, that the integrity of the proceedings of the Swackhammer Commission investigating the riot at Kingston may be questioned if the proceedings are held in camera rather than in public, would the minister reconsider his decision and have the hearings held in public and at the same time protect the names and reputations of the witnesses?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I do not have to judge the credibility a lawyer attributes to the remarks of the chairman of a commission.

[English]

DISCIPLINING OF INMATES MOVED FROM MILLHAVEN TO COLLINS BAY OR KINGSTON—LAYING OF CHARGES—RIGHT TO COUNSEL

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Can the Solicitor General say whether the inmates moved from Millhaven to isolation in Collins Bay and/or Kingston are being disciplined? Can he also say whether they have been charged and, if they have, whether they have been given the right to counsel?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, no disciplinary action has been taken. None will be taken before the inquiry commission reports. To my knowledge, there have been no criminal proceedings. Of course, it is up to the Attorney General of Ontario to decide when to prosecute, if it is necessary.

[English]

PERMISSION FOR MEMBERS TO VISIT INSTITUTIONS

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): In light of recent problems in penitentiaries, would the Solicitor General now change his mind with regard to the situation and the position he and all other Liberals on the committee took about Members of Parliament visiting the