REPRESENTATIONS TO LEBANON ON CONTROL OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Will the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs urge upon the government of the Lebanon that it take steps to control terrorist activity based on its own territory, since such murderous attacks are bound to lead to the escalation of hostilities?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs): I believe such representations have already been made collectively to the states in that area. Perhaps a reiteration of this view would be helpful.

ISRAELI-ARAB CONFLICT—USE OF UNITED NATIONS FORCE TO SEPARATE COMBATANTS

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Bearing in mind the continuing escalation of the war in the Middle East, is the government giving consideration to making representations to the United Nations that that body should interpose a force in sufficient strength to separate the combatants?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs): As the hon. member knows, the possibility, or the reality, of the escalation of hostilities in the Middle East has been a source of great concern to both the United Nations Assembly and to the Security Council. Unhappily, they have not yet been able to produce the kind of solution which would put an end to this almost intolerable situation but efforts toward realizing this laudable objective are continuing.

CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN

REFUSAL OF BENEFITS BY BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTER

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): I desire to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Approximately a month ago the minister was questioned concerning the fact that his counterpart in British Columbia was violating the terms of the Canada Assistance Plan by refusing welfare payments in certain circumstances. The minister stated at that time that if actual cases were cited he would take the proper action. Since there is now evidence in regard to specific cases, may I ask what action, if any, the hon, gentleman proposes to take to persuade or compel the Hon, Phil Gaglardi of the British Columbia government to authorize these welfare payments in cases of need?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Some of the observations made by the hon. member are correct. Complaints have now been received that applicants for social assistance have been rejected and that these rejections involve persons in need. We are discussing these complaints and looking into the individual cases. If we reach the conclusion that these applicants are in fact qualified to receive assistance and are not receiving it, I intend to approach my counterpart in the Province of British Columbia with a request for a meeting as soon as possible in an endeavour to iron out the situation before taking any further action.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

REVISION OF FORMULAE OF WELFARE PROGRAMS TO GIVE REGIONAL EMPHASIS

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Is consideration being given to revising the formula or formulae under which assistance is made available to Canadian provinces under the Canada Assistance Plan and various other pieces of legislation in order to give these schemes a regional flair?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): As the hon. member probably knows, the welfare ministers from the Atlantic provinces were in Ottawa to see me three or four weeks ago. They suggested then that the question raised by the hon. member should be looked into. I assured them I would study the situation in consultation with my cabinet colleagues and have a reply ready for them as soon as possible. We are still in the process of formulating our position on the matter and I shall have nothing to announce concerning the conclusion of that study for at least a month or six weeks.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INFLATION—REJECTION OF VOLUNTARY RE-STRAINT BY CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS —NEW GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, now that the Canadian Labour Congress has quite vigorously rejected the government's proposals with regard to wage restraint I should like to ask the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs whether he or the Prices and Incomes Commission proposes to take any further initiatives with a view to convincing the CLC,