

Inquiries of the Ministry

hon. member for Calgary North to ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I would have liked to ask this question of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, but I shall address it to the Prime Minister. As the Department of Manpower and Immigration exercises its discretion to keep out United States deserters, has the government instructed the officers of the department to exercise the same discretion in respect of keeping out revolutionaries and other disturbers who come to our universities from other countries.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I believe the minister has dealt with this previously in the house, but I am sure he will be prepared to deal with it again.

[Translation]

EXHIBITIONS**MAN AND HIS WORLD—STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER AS TO TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): In view of the question put to me earlier by the member for Sainte-Marie about Expo, I should like to inform the house that I have just received information which could be given to the house since it will be announced in Montreal very soon.

At a meeting held in Montreal yesterday and attended by representatives of Canada, of the province of Quebec and of the city of Montreal, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, on behalf of the government of Canada, accepted the proposal made a few days ago by the Finance Minister of Quebec, Mr. Dozois.

The three governments have agreed to an acceptable arrangement in order to pay the share of the city of Montreal in the deficit of Expo '67.

Under this agreement, Montreal will reimburse its share of the deficit over a period of eight years, as of April 1, 1969.

As for Quebec, an adjustment was made to the conditions for reimbursement previously negotiated. Reimbursement of the \$5.5 million payable during the fiscal year 1969-70 will be deferred until 1972. This arrangement will help Quebec to finance "Man and his World" in 1969. The press release indicates the numerous ways in which the government of Canada has supported "Man and his World" in

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1968, and refers to a number of million dollars that Canada has contributed to Expo. (Applause)

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, as this statement was not made on motions, it is difficult for members of the opposition to comment on it. Can the Prime Minister assure us that the Minister of Industry will make a more substantial statement tomorrow, so that we may express our views on the document and also in order to give us more details about the agreement, for instance, the rates of interest and the conditions of payment?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I was reading this in answer to a question. I suggest that with regard to a statement, an inquiry may be made of the minister tomorrow. I shall mention it to him on his return.

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

If the statement of the Prime Minister is really official, would he object to its being appended to *Hansard*?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I have read notes which I received from the minister and which are not a document that can be made available to the house. I am convinced that if the minister has to make a statement, he will see no objection to tabling the substance of his text, but I have only my notes.

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

I think that the Prime Minister, in his capacity of leader of the cabinet, could commit himself, on behalf of the government, to ask the Minister of Industry to make a statement giving us the particulars—

[English]

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Finance. I should like to ask the minister how the indebtedness of the province of Quebec and the city of Montreal will be treated in this year's government accounts, and whether it will appear as a debit.

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, it is not a matter of a deficit; it is a matter of an outright receivable, presently to the Expo Corporation, but when it is wound up it will become a receivable of the government of Canada. It is not a matter of writing it off. The amounts are receivable from the province and municipality.