

*Oral Questions*

and the Attorney General of any province can take such action if he feels that is desirable.

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**IMMIGRATION****GENERAL HON AND GENERAL DOI—BASIS OF INVESTIGATION—POSSIBILITY OF DEPORTATION**

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and it relates to two south Vietnamese generals, General Hon and General Doi. Would the minister advise on what basis the present investigation is taking place, whether in fact the investigation has been completed, and is it the government's intention to deport these two gentlemen?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, General Hon and his family were given the promise of a visa letter, equivalent to a visa, in Saigon before the end of April as the result of a valid nomination by a brother-in-law who was a landed immigrant in Montreal. At that time the hon. member will recall we were doing our utmost to reunite families and were giving priority to those who were nominated or sponsored relatives. Hon arrived in Montreal at the end of May. He is on a minister's permit. While being under permit he will undergo full investigation and re-examination including medical and background, prior to any decision to give him landed status. I think it would be inappropriate to make any further comment with regard to General Hon.

The other person whose name has been appearing in allegations, Nguyen Tan Doi, was admitted to Canada for permanent residence in 1969. He went back to Viet Nam on a business trip. Some months later his case came before the courts in Viet Nam and I understand he was incarcerated but released in 1975. He returned to Canada and was admitted as a returning resident. At the moment we have no precise evidence that would suggest to us that this is out of order, but the background check is being carried out.

**Mr. Alexander:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister could advise the basis upon which these investigations are now being carried out. Surely, something must be wrong. At the same time would the minister advise what was the basis of the ministerial permit issued in the one instance.

**Mr. Andras:** I explained the issue of the ministerial permit in my answer to the previous question. As to the basis for investigation, it is simply routine on the basis of certain allegations that have been made. I am not in a position to confirm the depth or the validity of those allegations or otherwise at this stage.

**REQUEST FOR NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES UNDER INVESTIGATION**

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish the minister would advise the House and

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the people of Canada what the allegations are which caused an investigation. But in order to see just what is going on—spending money after the fact—I wonder whether the minister can advise the House now just how many South Vietnamese are presently under investigation. Can he give us that information?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, no, I cannot give the hon. member or the House that information. I rather regret there is an implication that in the Vietnamese refugee movement there is any more requirement to investigate than in any other refugee movement. The very nature of a refugee movement is that we are giving compassionate consideration to people in very difficult situations. Characteristically of all that, and I think properly so, we relax the examinations temporarily in order to quickly effect their entry into Canada. In respect of people coming on minister's permits, which has been the practice in respect of every refugee movement with which I have been associated and with which my predecessors have been associated, the use of the ministerial permit is precisely for that purpose. It does not permit landing. It gives them temporary access to Canada and gives us time to do any background checks which we consider necessary.

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**AGRICULTURE****SUGGESTION AID IN THE FORM OF FERTILIZER BE GIVEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

**Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. I wonder, in keeping with the spirit of the green revolution, whether the minister would consent to giving some fertilizer aid to the developing countries, even if it means changing the regular food aid program to the developing countries since they are going to have a 3½ billion short ton shortage of nitrogen fertilizer in the forthcoming year, and some of our food aids are causing tremendous concern in the developing countries at the present time.

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure the hon. member knows that the Government of Canada has doubled its aid in the form of fertilizer this year. Also at the recent meeting which I attended in Rome of the World Food Council a review was being made of this very situation.

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**PENITENTIARIES****REQUEST FOR RESULTS OF SEARCH FOR WEAPONS**

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General and has to do with the assaults, some of which turned out to be homicides, by prisoners against guards at the various penitentiaries in our country. About a year ago I suggested there should be periodic checks for the purpose of examining whether there was contraband in the possession of any prisoners such as guns, knives and the like. I compliment