

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): I am not able to give any specific date, but I can assure the hon. member that this matter is under intense examination and that I am devoting my attention to it right now.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**RETRIEVAL OF CANADIAN STUDENTS FROM UNITED STATES**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration having to do with Operation Retrieval, in which I believe the hon. gentleman has considerable pride, and ask him whether he can explain why this operation has proved so inadequate that at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology it has failed to arrange for the placement in Canada of any of the Canadian students who are studying there.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the purpose of "Operation Retrieval" is to advise Canadian students in foreign universities of the opportunities available, and this we do. The decisions are ultimately made by the graduate students themselves.

Mr. Stanfield: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the minister whether the Operation Retrieval program is under review? I ask this question because it appears that the operation has failed to secure employment in Canada for any students at M.I.T. who wish to return to Canada to work.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT**ZONING OF POSTAL ADDRESSES IN LARGE CENTRES**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, with reference to the question I put to the Postmaster General a few moments ago, Your Honour suggested it was asked yesterday. Actually the Postmaster General was not in the house yesterday. I have checked *Hansard* and there are no similar questions, in fact none since this important matter has come into contention. I am sure the Postmaster General is prepared to give an answer now.

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I have answered the question before. The zoning regions remain in effect. We are not considering expanding the zoning system at

this time to Vancouver and other communities until we have been able to examine an over-all recommendation for a national coding system which will make automation inside the Post Office much more feasible.

Mr. Macquarrie: A supplementary question. Perhaps the minister would give consideration to advising his officials in the Toronto area, who have advised the public that there has been a freeze on the three digit zone?

Mr. Kierans: Mr. Speaker, the three digit zone remains and will be integrated into a national coding system if we take this decision.

IMMIGRATION**FAILURE TO DECLARE TAPE RECORDER AT BORDER POINT**

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Is the minister aware that last Friday an American criminal smuggled a tape recorder past the customs and immigration authorities in order to test the minister's policy announcement a few days earlier? Has the minister looked into this matter in order to find out what was the intention of this criminal? What did he intend to do with the tape recording if the minister's policy was not followed through and he was denied entry into Canada? What was the intention of that criminal?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, with all due respect, we have a situation where criminals are being allowed into this country. A national newspaper has published a report that the customs' laws have been violated. A tape recorder was smuggled in with the specific intention of putting the minister's policy to the test. I think we are entitled to know what the minister intends to do in a situation where our laws have been violated by an American criminal so as to test the minister's policy. What was the intention of that criminal should the minister's policy not stand up to his test?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member can ask what was the minister's intention, but he certainly cannot ask the minister what this individual's intentions were. I cannot see how this qualifies as a question at this time.

Mr. MacInnis: Well, I would be satisfied with the minister's intention in this respect.