

implementation of the two price system. I should also like to ask him whether, as a further source of specifics, he would read his own speeches which he made when he was a member of the Social Credit party on this side of the house.

**Mr. Baldwin:** That would be too much to ask.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

### IMMIGRATION

#### DECREASE IN NUMBER OF ENTRANTS

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the reported drop of 40,000 immigrants allowed into Canada in 1968, would the minister at an early opportunity announce what plans the government has to remedy this serious drop in entries into this country?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** There was a drop—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the minister that this question is in order only to the extent that the hon. member is asking whether a statement will be made. Otherwise the minister cannot make a statement now.

#### RUDOLPH HOLATA—PROTEST AGAINST HOLDING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** May I take this opportunity to put another question to the minister. Has the Canadian government made a strong protest regarding the holding of Rudolph Holata, head electrician at Vancouver International Airport, by the government of Czechoslovakia, without trial and without a charge being laid?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** I have not identified the case which my hon. friend mentioned but I will investigate it and give him the information.

**Mr. Paproski:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it a fact that Mr. Holata has been in custody since January 6, and if a strong protest has not been made, why not? I should like to point out, sir, that he is a member of the Department of Transport.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Paproski:** And we should know what is going on there.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has made his representations to the minister.

### Inquiries of the Ministry

#### ADMISSION OF DRAFT DODGERS AND DESERTERS

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. I should like to ask him whether he will soon be making a statement on motions dealing with the question of the admission as immigrants of so-called deserters.

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot exactly forecast when I will be able to make a statement on this subject. The matter is under consideration, and as soon as the consideration is completed I will be making the deliberations known to the house.

### SHIPBUILDING

#### SAFETY FEATURE IN STEEL TUG HULL PRODUCTION

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** I desire to direct a question of the utmost importance to the west coast to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that the Canadian Merchant Service Guild are prepared to consider a tie-up of all steel-hulled tow boats on Canada's west coast following the sinking of the *Emerald Straits*, with a loss of three lives, adding up to a loss of 29 men in similar tugs since 1958, will the minister immediately take into consideration an investigation of the possibility of accepting a previous safety recommendation for a one-compartment subdivision in the construction of steel tug hulls?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, the recommendations of the guild are being investigated by the department on an urgent basis.

[Translation]

### POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

#### ALLEGED PREFERRED TREATMENT OF COMMUNIST PUBLICATIONS

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** I have a question, Mr. Speaker, for the Minister of Communications.

Following the numerous changes made in the Post Office Department, several publications no longer enjoy second class mail privileges, and I wonder whether the minister could tell us why the following publications: *Canada-Vietnam News Letter*, *Combat*, *Progressive Worker*, *American Exile*, *Lagos*, *La Lutte Ouvrière* and *The Workers' Vanguard*