

*Inquiries of the Ministry***YOUTH****PROVISION OF BEDS AND MATTRESSES FOR HOSTELS**

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State. In view of the fact that many hostels are not able to open until beds and mattresses are made available, would the Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State indicate whether arrangements have been made to make available beds and mattresses for these hostels across Canada?

Mr. James Hugh Faulkner (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, this is the first I have heard about any problem involving beds and mattresses. I will consult my colleague who seems to be more familiar with the situation.

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POLLUTION**DEADLINE FOR CLOSING OF E. B. EDDY PLANT**

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Is the E. B. Eddy plant to be entirely closed down by the 1975 deadlines or is it merely a question of cleaning up?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I do not know of any deadline, and I am not the appropriate minister to whom to put the question.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Prime Minister. Would the Prime Minister please advise the House of his itinerary in Red China, particularly Peking, and say whether he plans to take his wife with him.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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GRAIN**TRANSITIONAL PAYMENT—FINAL PAYMENT ON WHEAT FOR 1969-70 CROP YEAR PRIOR TO JUNE 23**

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. In light of his hopes in respect of transitional payments, does he intend to announce a final payment on the wheat pool prior to June 23?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, as soon as the Wheat Board has

[Mr. Korchinski.]

finalized the accounts I am sure it will issue cheques in the usual fashion.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS**ROSTER SYSTEM—ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS NOT SCHEDULED TO BE PRESENT**

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether I should direct my question to the right hon. Prime Minister or the Acting House Leader as it has to do with the roster system. Will whoever is responsible on the government side for the imposition of the roster system consider tossing it out the window in view of the fact that a number of ministers—

An hon. Member: What about your own ranks?

Mr. Lundrigan: Never mind the ranks on this side of the House.

Mr. Crouse: Start taking responsibility.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, my question is a serious representation. Will the government consider—

An hon. Member: Just a bunch of phonies.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member might be allowed to ask his question and the minister might be allowed to answer as quickly as possible because we have reached the end of the question period.

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, I am wondering whether, in view of the fact that a number of ministers are not here today but are present on Parliament Hill, and a number of ministers who are supposed to be here today are not here, it is possible to permit ministers who are here tomorrow but who are not scheduled to be in the House to be in attendance in the chamber to answer questions?

Mr. Danson: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I believe there is something wrong with the translation system because the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate is not coming through very sensibly in English.

Mr. Lundrigan: The parliamentary secretary is being his usual witty self. Perhaps he is going to be retired. I should like to have my question answered. Is the Acting House Leader—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me that the hon. member's question is, by his own admission, a suggestion. He indicated that he wanted to make a serious suggestion to the government. At this time we must assume that this is what he is doing and that his suggestion will be taken into account. Orders of the day.