Inquiries of the Ministry

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

APPROPRIATENESS OF PROGRAM "AVALANCHE" SUBSTITUTED FOR FILM, "THE LEGACY OF LENIN"

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I wished to direct a question to the Secretary of State who was due to be in the House today but in his absence I shall direct it to the acting minister. Would the acting minister ask the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation why it was, when choosing a replacement for the film, "The Legacy of Lenin", which was due to appear on Tuesday night, they chose the program "Avalanche" inasmuch as in the middle of that program one full minute was devoted to the making of home-made bombs out of paint cans and sticks of dynamite? Does the minister not consider that this was a particularly inappropriate time for such instructions to be given to the Canadian people?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier) I will take notice of the question which will be answered later.

[English]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

ALLIANDER AND BANK

INCREASED RECRUITMENT OF FRENCH-SPEAKING CANADIANS

Mr. C. Terrence Murphy (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, my question should properly be put to the Solicitor General but in his absence I shall address it to the right hon. Prime Minister. Is any action being taken to step up recruitment of French-speaking Canadians for service in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have some doubt that the question is one which can be asked at this time. I recognize that the matter is one of importance but I would think this is the kind of question which could be considered at the time of adjournment. I do not want to be unfair to the hon. member and if the minister responsible would like to reply in due course perhaps he could do so.

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NUTRITIONAL VALUE OF ENRICHED BREAD—INDICATION ON WRAPPERS

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Have any of his officials initiated steps to find out the nutritional value of the widely advertised enriched bread?

Mr. Speaker: I would think that this is a question which could be placed on the order paper. It is difficult for the Chair to determine which questions can be answered immediately but the recourse of hon members, of course, is to return at the time of adjournment if there

[Mr. Munro.]

is urgency and if in the opinion of hon. members my judgment is wrong. If there is urgency, perhaps the minister might like to answer.

Mr. Hales: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might rephrase my question and ask the minister whether he or his department is giving consideration to the placing on the wrappers of enriched bread the nutritional value—the mineral content and vitamins?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that even the redrafted question should normally be placed on the order paper.

Mr. Baldwin: Try it on some of the government backbenchers.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

DAIRYING-POLICY RESPECTING REDUCTION OF GRANTS

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, in spite of the present situation mankind will still have to be fed. For this reason I wish to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

In the light of the decision of Common Market countries to vote a budget of \$3,600 million for subsidies to agricultural producers in those countries in order to increase production and assist farmers, will the Minister of Agriculture tell the House whether he will maintain his policy aimed at reducing the subsidies which are being paid to Canadian industrial milk producers at the present time?

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, there have been some very useful discussions going on between the provincial governments as well as the provincial milk marketing agencies and the Canadian Dairy Commission. I hope that within a reasonably short time we will be able to make an announcement on new agreements reached that will further the income potential of the dairy producers.

HEALTH

PREMARITAL TESTS FOR VENEREAL DISEASE

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is the minister considering urging every province in Canada to introduce tests for venereal disease on a premarital basis, as is done in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba? I ask this question as a result of statements attributed to Dr. Stanley Acres of the department in last night's Ottawa Citizen.

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I hope the hon. member will allow me to take this question as notice.