

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order. A question asked in those terms is not in order. The hon. member knows that he should direct the question to the Prime Minister and ask whether the statement made outside the House represents government policy.

Mr. McGrath: On Your Honour's advice I will rephrase and redirect the question. I ask the Prime Minister if the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion was expressing government policy in Toronto on Saturday when he said that regional economic disparity is the No. 1 problem in the country? Consequently, can we now expect a change in government policy in fighting inflation?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, because it is such an important priority, our fight against inflation has always taken into account the regional disparities in Canada. The budget of the Minister of Finance indicated this and our very high expenditures with regard to regional economic expansion confirm this.

Mr. McGrath: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Prime Minister be good enough to convey that information to the premiers of the regionally disadvantaged provinces of Canada?

Mr. Trudeau: I am quite sure they are aware of it, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): In view of the fact that the Prime Minister has indicated that this is now the No. 1 priority facing the nation, is he prepared to put his money where his adequate mouth is in this respect?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member this type of question is quite unacceptable for many reasons.

MANPOWER**YOUTH PROGRAMS TO ALLEVIATE
UNEMPLOYMENT**

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): My question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that the March unemployment statistics have revealed that nearly 40 per cent of the unemployed in Canada are under the age of 25, can the minister indicate to the House whether his department has begun any new youth programs that might help alleviate this situation?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to the hon. member the question he has asked should be answered [Mr. McGrath.]

by way of a statement. The minister may want to indicate whether such a statement will be made in due course.

Mr. Nystrom: Can the minister indicate whether he is prepared to make a statement on this situation within the next week?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): No, Mr. Speaker.

IMMIGRATION**TRANSFER FROM PENITENTIARY TO ANOTHER
INSTITUTION OF MAN UNDER DEPORTATION
ORDER AND NEEDING SPECIAL CARE**

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that a United States citizen, an inmate of Prince Albert penitentiary, completed serving his debt to society on January 28 last but is being held on a deportation order to the United States, and in view of the fact that this man is desperately in need of specialized individual care, will the minister say whether he will immediately initiate plans to have this man admitted to an institution other than a penitentiary until the deportation order can be carried out?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I heard about this case just today, Mr. Speaker. I will investigate and see whether any better arrangements can be made for this person's care.

Mr. Skoberg: A supplementary question. In view of the fact that United States hospitals have already refused admittance to this man, what facilities do we have in Canada to care for people in this type of situation other than leaving them in a penitentiary?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The supplementary should be placed on the Order Paper. The first question was quite in order, but not the supplementary.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF DENMARK FROM
NORTH ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION—
EFFECT ON SALMON RESOURCES**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the minister received any indication from the Danish Minister of Fisheries, Hon. A. C. Norman, that Denmark may withdraw from the North Atlantic Fisheries Commission if the other