

Inquiries of the Ministry

effect such a move, and when can we expect the transfer of inmates to be completed and the institution to be closed down?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I have received a report from the internal commission of the department which is studying the Ouimet report, and I shall be in a position, in a while, to submit to the cabinet a proposal likely to improve the fate of women in penitentiaries.

* * *

[English]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**FAILURE TO ACCEPT CONCILIATION BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON WAGES AND JOB SECURITY**

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the majority report of the conciliation board dealing with the wages and rules dispute between the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, will the Prime Minister give the House some indication whether he is prepared to find out why the CBC is refusing to go along with the recommendations of the conciliation board on the key issues of wages and job security?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it is not the usual practice of the government to interfere in the process of collective bargaining. I believe the Secretary of State has not made it a practice to do so.

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the President of the Treasury Board. Will the President of the Treasury Board say whether he has been approached to provide any necessary funds that might be required for any wage and job security plans?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): No, Mr. Speaker.

* * *

ROYAL CANADIAN MINT**REQUEST FOR ROYAL COMMISSION INVESTIGATION**

Mr. F. J. Bigg (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister in the absence of the Minister of Finance. On March 23, 1970 I rose in the House and asked for a royal commission to investigate the affairs of the Royal Canadian Mint. At that time, I was assured that all was well. Recent cases have been disposed of and others are pending, which indicates that all is not well. At least, all was certainly not well at the Royal Canadian Mint during centennial year. My question is: Will the Prime Minister look into this matter, since obviously the Minister of Finance has refused to do so in spite of the fact this is a branch of his own department? The matter is of such serious importance—

[Mr. MacDonald (Egmont).]

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has asked his question. Perhaps he would allow someone to reply to it on behalf of the government.

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, the Royal Canadian Mint now reports to me, not to the Department of Finance. The RCMP have made a complete investigation during the past year into both internal and external security arrangements. Many of their recommendations have been implemented and I think the security position is secure.

* * *

NATIONAL DEFENCE**SUGGESTED EXPANSION OF MILITIA TRAINING PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT**

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. In order to help the government find means of overcoming the problem of employment of students, would the minister seriously consider increasing the quotas and duration of student militia training this summer, increasing the training time for the reserve forces, and instituting a Canada wide special militia training program for graduate students, not only to alleviate unemployment but to provide all-round, purposeful development for our youth?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, we have had proposals very much like these under consideration for some time, and I appreciate the hon. member's interest in the matter.

INCLUSION OF ROLE OF RESERVE FORCES IN WHITE PAPER

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Defence. Is it his intention to include within the white paper he is now preparing any reference to reserve forces and their role, in light of the fact that there is some confusion about the role of the reserve forces?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

* * *

TRADE**INQUIRY AS TO FORMATION OF MINERAL EXPORT CONSORTIUM**

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Is consideration being given to the formation of an export consortium in the mineral industry? Could the minister also indicate whether the federal government is taking any initiative in the matter and what role