

a question to the Postmaster General as Acting President of the Treasury Board. How much did it cost the government to borrow \$100 million for 11 days?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think the hon. member is asking for statistical information, and I would think this type of information cannot be requested at this time.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the parliamentary secretary to the Secretary of State. In view of the important event in the United States today, can he advise whether the Canadian Radio-Television Commission has received complaints about the Sunday night program, "The Way It Is", dividing Americans into three classes, rioters, policemen tackling rioters, and flower children running around without petals on them?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

PUBLIC SERVICE

RESPONSIBILITIES OF REGIONAL OFFICERS
NOW BEING RECRUITED

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. According to a recent newspaper report the Prime Minister's office is busy recruiting regional officers for the maritimes, Quebec, Ontario and western Canada. Would the Prime Minister please inform the house as to the general nature of the responsibilities of these officers?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question should be placed on the order paper.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING ADOPTION OF
BIAFRAN ORPHANS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, my question to the Prime Minister is a follow-up of the question dealing with the return flights of the Hercules planes from Biafra. I raised this question last week. Has the Prime Minister received any representations from private agencies or the Canadian public with regard to the adoption of Biafran war orphans by Canadians?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I know of only one letter—there perhaps have been more—from one person telling me that he was interested in such adoption. I indicated that he should have referred the matter either to his local church or charity organization. When we discussed this question in the house, I indicated this would be a proper avenue for solving this problem.

Mr. Rose: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the Prime Minister has invited private agencies such as churches to deal with matters of adoption, medical supplies and personnel, does the Prime Minister not think that government leadership might be provided in this area?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is argumentative.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION RESPECTING
CRIMINAL RECORDS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. J. Bigg (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Has the government renounced its avowed intention of bringing in legislation to remove criminal records, as announced in the house by the Solicitor General on March 26 last?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am told that the Solicitor General did not make such an announcement.

Mr. Bigg: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I refer to *Hansard* of March 26. It is in the record.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, if this statement was made on March 26 it obviously was not made by the present Solicitor General. I will have to look up the record.

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, directed to the Solicitor General. Is it government policy to renounce the previously announced policy of abolishing criminal records?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is asking for a statement of government policy and I would think the question as asked is not in order.

Mr. Nielsen: Surely, Mr. Speaker, the minister is responsible for answering to the house on questions concerning government policy. This is all I am asking.