

Mr. Speaker: Order. There are only a few minutes of the question period left and hon. members should be given the opportunity to ask new questions.

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PENITENTIARIES

PRINCE ALBERT—ESCAPE OF PRISONERS—REQUEST FOR COMMISSION

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): My question is also directed to the Solicitor General, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister anything to report on the escape of prisoners from Prince Albert Penitentiary, and would he consider setting up a commission to investigate the conditions and problems of inmates at that penitentiary?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): As to the Prince Albert escape, on November 25 we were advised that the 11 inmates of that institution had escaped.

Mr. Baldwin: On their way to the Liberal convention.

Mr. McIlraith: Four are still at large, two having been returned to prison yesterday and the five having been recaptured almost immediately after the escape. As to setting up an inquiry, there is a board of inquiry within the penitentiary service already looking into the matter and until this inquiry has been completed I cannot deal with the question as to whether any further type of inquiry is warranted.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

FUTURE SITE OF ICAO HEAD OFFICE

Mr. Jacques Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

I would like to know whether the minister has made representations to the board of directors of the International Civil Aviation Organization to have them establish their headquarters in the east end of Montreal.

Mr. André Ouellet (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the federal government is most actively concerned with giving new life to the business section in east end Montreal and besides promoting the construction of Place Radio Canada in that section, it is doing the utmost to have Place Desjardins also located in that area.

However, may I remind the hon. member that it is up to the International Civil Aviation Organization to make decisions concerning the location of its headquarters. The government, however, is doing whatever it can to have this organization stay in Montreal, under terms which take into account the interests of the government and those of ICAO.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Champlain.

Inquiries of the Ministry

NATIONAL SECURITY

EMERGENCY POWERS—DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND MR. BOURASSA

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Did he have talks, during the last two days, with his Quebec colleague about the emergency powers act?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Which act?

Mr. Matte: Did the Prime Minister have talks, during the last two days, with the Quebec premier about the emergency powers act?

Mr. Trudeau: Upon my word, Mr. Speaker, I do not think so. I spoke to the Quebec Premier a few days ago, I believe it was on Monday, and I reported about it to the House. But since then I have not had an opportunity to talk to him.

WAR MEASURES ACT—PAYMENT BY QUEBEC FOR SERVICES OF ARMED FORCES

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, questions have been asked for some time about who is going to support the cost of armed forces services in Quebec, and I should like to ask the Prime Minister to tell us today whether there has been any progress in negotiations on this matter, and who will support the cost of these services.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

INDUSTRY

GENERAL MOTORS—IMPORTATION OF CARS FROM UNITED STATES WHILE CANADIAN EMPLOYEES STILL ON STRIKE

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Mr. Speaker. Given the fact automotive workers for General Motors have returned to their jobs in the United States, can the minister assure the House that General Motors of Canada will not be allowed to import automobiles from south of the border as long as workers on this side of the border are on strike?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): I will look into that, Mr. Speaker.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

PROPOSED TRANSFER TO MANITOBA

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): My question is directed to the Minister of Supply and Services. Can the hon. gentleman report to the House on the progress he is