

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Diefenbaker: Understandably the government has to shift, too.

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): A supplementary question to the Minister of Finance concerning the remarks he has just made. Would he consider withholding the extra 3 per cent sales tax or removing it altogether so the \$500 winter bonus would have some effect?

Mr. Gordon: Mr. Speaker, I believe I have answered that question on several other occasions.

[Translation]

Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance.

If national productivity is increasing, can the minister tell us whether the purchasing power of Canadians is increasing at the same time? Is there some balance between production and consumption in Canada?

[Text]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do think this question should be, shall we say, reworded.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DELAY IN ARRIVAL OF RUSSIAN PROFESSOR
AT UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to direct to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has a delay been caused in the departure for Canada of Professor Nicolaev of Moscow state university to take up his post as visiting economics professor at the Regina campus of the University of Saskatchewan, and have inquiries on this matter been made to the minister by Saskatchewan university officials?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the principal of the University of Saskatchewan was in touch with me yesterday. The professor in question will arrive in Regina on October 3. There has been no delay; there has simply been a requirement that the necessary formalities be complied with.

[Mr. Gordon.]

CYPRUS—FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF PEACE
KEEPING FORCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question concerning Cyprus to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In the light of the minister's answer to me last Thursday that he was content that the problem of freedom of movement of United Nations troops on Cyprus had been settled, and in the light of his answer yesterday to the right hon. Leader of the Opposition that the UN force is not being hobbled, I should like to ask him whether he still feels this way in view of the reports that the Turkish Cypriots continue to refuse to turn over the strategic Kyrenia-Nicosia road to the United Nations who, by agreement, are supposed to exercise exclusive control over the entire 18 miles?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, when my hon. friend asked me that question last week the reply was one which I think fitted the situation. He is now referring to an incident. There will be other incidents. The fact that these arise does not alter the fact that the reply I gave yesterday and the reply I gave a week ago were, in the circumstances, the kind of replies that the circumstances warranted.

Mr. Nesbitt: I have a supplementary question. I take it from the reply of the Secretary of State for External Affairs that his answers vary from day to day according to circumstances.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, my replies vary depending upon the circumstances to which they apply and not on the sometimes insecure foundation of the questions put.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Speaker, is the secretary of state then suggesting there has been no interference with the UN force by the Turkish Cypriots?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend is really too intelligent to persist in that question.

FINANCE

POLICY RESPECTING PREPARATION OF
DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance a question.