

could put this question to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the Minister of Finance said that that part of the white paper which discriminates against our industry compared with the United States industry will not be withdrawn, how does the Acting Prime Minister now reconcile what he has just said?

Mr. McIlraith: It is very easy. The hon. member has put a wrong interpretation on the white paper. I do not accept the hon. member's interpretation of the white paper on that point.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): You are squirming now.

Mr. Woolliams: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, and I can make it very briefly. I suggest that the Solicitor General has never read the white paper and he should take the time to study it.

Mr. Speaker: I am sure that on reflection the hon. member for Calgary North will recognize that this is not a point of order.

INDUSTRY

GOLD MINING—REPORT OF TASK FORCE ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): I want to ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources how soon he anticipates tabling the report of the task force investigating emergency gold mining assistance?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I am not certain that the report will be tabled. It is an interdepartmental effort largely under the aegis of my department. Whether or not the report will be one that will be tabled has not yet been decided.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Information Canada!

Mr. Peters: Is the minister in a position to advise the gold mines committee representing community interests of the intention of the government regarding emergency gold mining assistance when they meet him at the end of the month?

Mr. Greene: I am meeting the committee from northern Ontario and northern Quebec, later this month, as the hon. member stated, but I am meeting them to hear their representations and their views in respect of the

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continuation of the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act and not to give them a decision at that time.

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SPORTS

1976 WINTER OLYMPICS—WILLINGNESS TO HAVE ASSISTED VANCOUVER

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister.

Would he tell the House whether the Prime Minister was expressing the opinion of the cabinet when he stated that the city of Vancouver might have been granted financial aid if the winter Olympics had been held in that city, contrary to Montreal which will not get any assistance?

Mr. Speaker: I doubt whether I can allow this question. The hon. member is asking whether the Prime Minister was expressing the opinion of the cabinet. I do not believe that the question may be asked in those terms.

Mr. Rondeau: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member obviously cannot put a supplementary to a question ruled out of order. He may have another question to ask and I will now give him the floor for that purpose.

Mr. Rondeau: Does the Acting Prime Minister feel that the federal government could have helped the city of Vancouver if it had not been decided that the summer Olympics would be held in Montreal?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member must admit that his question is hypothetical.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

PROPOSAL BY CHAIRMAN TO CLOSE PARKWAYS FOR A WEEK

Mr. D. Gordon Blair (Grenville-Carleton): I would like to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister, and I regret that I was not able to give him notice.

Is the government aware of a statement or statements to the press by the Chairman of the National Capital Commission to the effect that he might close the national capital parkways in this region for a week for the strange