Inquiries of the Ministry HOUSING

STATUS OF MORTGAGE ON ROCHDALE COLLEGE, TORONTO

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): My question is for the Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing in his capacity as the minister responsible for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Can the minister inform the House as to the present situation with regard to the outstanding mortgage on Rochdale College in Toronto?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): I will be making a more elaborate statement on that situation in the not too distant future. In the meantime I can advise the House that the mortgagee met the payments in the last three months consecutively.

Mr. Alexander: Mortgagee or mortgagor?

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

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REFUSAL TO COME UNDER PENSION BENEFITS STANDARDS ACT—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): I have a question for the Minister of Finance. It is further to my question some time ago concerning the Canadian Pacific pension plan being brought under the provisions of the Pension Benefits Standards Act. Can the minister now state whether Canadian Pacific has been required to bring their pension fund under the Pension Benefits Standards Act?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Such a letter was written to the Canadian Pacific Railway requiring this. The CPR has objected, which it is allowed to do, to the Superintendent of Insurance. The matter is presently under review.

Mr. Skoberg: Can the minister state positively whether the CPR has been given a further deferral or is it now in violation of the law in accordance with this Act?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is asking the minister to express a legal opinion. In those terms the question is not in order.

[Translation]

NATIONAL SECURITY

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ALLEGED INFILTRATION OF UNITED STATES COMMUNIST PARTY INTO CANADA

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): I want to put a question to the Minister of Justice.

On December 17, I asked him whether he had any knowledge of evidence heard by the Senate sub-committee on internal security, as well as of reports and laws concerning security in the United States which were the subject of a study under the direction of Senator James O. Eastland.

The minister answered at that time that he would examine the report. Could he tell us now whether he has

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read this report and deems it necessary to take action against Communist infiltration into Canada?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I read the relevant part of the report but I do not contemplate at this time taking any action in this regard.

• (3:00 p.m.) [English]

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

NORTHERN CANADA POWER COMMISSION ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING MEMBERS, FUNDS FOR INVES-TIGATION OF PROJECTS, ADVANCES FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

The House resumed, from Wednesday, January 20, consideration of the motion of Mr. MacEachen (for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) that Bill C-193, to amend the Northern Canada Power Commission Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin) on a point of order.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I was intending to speak on the amendment. I assume that it may be Your Honour's intention to deliver a decision on the amendment offered by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen). I will defer my remarks until after Your Honour's decision.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: As the hon. member for Peace River suspects, the Chair would like to make a decision on the proposed amendment offered yesterday by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen).

Hon. members will recall that during the course of the debate on second reading of bill C-193 yesterday, the hon. member for Yukon proposed an amendment which the Chair ruled to be not acceptable from a procedural point of view. The reasons for the decision were given at that time. The hon. member for Yukon then sought, and was granted, unanimous consent of the House to move another amendment. It might be helpful to hon. members if I briefly refer to the main motion and the amendment. The President of the Privy Council (for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved:

That Bill C-193, to amend the Northern Canada Power Commission Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

The hon. member for Yukon moved the following amendment:

That all the words after "that" be left out and the following inserted:

"this bill be not now read a second time but that the subject matter thereof be referred to a task force appointed under the Inquiries Act."

Hon. members will notice that the amendment proposed by the hon. member for Yukon is in the same terms as the amendment moved on January 13 by the