

when he will recommend to the house that bylaw No. 1 passed as order in council No. 1967-579 dealing with regulations under the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act will be referred to the committee on finance, trade and economic affairs?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Acting Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should like to take this question as notice.

HUMAN RIGHTS

REPORTED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN REQUESTS TO MANPOWER OFFICES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Is he now in a position to make any report to the house with regard to the inquiries which he yesterday said he was prepared to make? In particular, can he tell us whether the instructions are clear that the manpower offices are not to deal with employers who lay down any discriminatory conditions?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre asked me whether instructions of the former national employment service dealing with anti-discrimination rules in the employment offices were transferred and have been in effect since the service became part of the Department of Manpower and Immigration. The answer to this question is yes.

May I add, to answer the supplementary question raised yesterday by the Leader of the Opposition, that anti-discrimination instructions were first distributed to all federal employment offices in July, 1941. These were subsequently incorporated in the revised manual of June, 1949 and reconfirmed in circulars dated November 1953, May 1954, June 1959 and December 1963. As recently as March 7 of this year our regional office in Toronto re-emphasized to all our manpower centres in Ontario the department's anti-discrimination policy.

With regard to the request by the hon. member for York South that further instructions be issued, I should say that a new operations manual is now under preparation and will, of course, include a strong statement on non-discrimination. In addition, special instructions will immediately be sent to all Canada manpower centres to insist on the implementation of non-discrimination.

Inquiries of the Ministry

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE ON NATION-WIDE ANTI-CRIME PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice or possibly the Solicitor General. In the light of the report of the Ontario crime commission concerning the extent of the penetration into various organizations in Canada by crime syndicates, will the Minister of Justice give urgent consideration to the convening of a conference of ministers charged with responsibility for the enforcement of the law across Canada to lay the foundation for the necessary practical measures and possible amendments to the law in order to co-ordinate an effective anti-crime program on a nation-wide basis?

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I am afraid I missed the first part of the question. I will take it as notice and answer it tomorrow or some other day.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, in view of the urgency and national importance of the need to co-ordinate measures against crime on a national scale I should like to ask the minister whether he will treat the matter a little more urgently than his casual answer would seem to indicate.

[Translation]

WINTER WORKS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Because of the very cold weather and very long winter we have experienced, especially in northwestern Quebec, would the minister agree to reconsider the requests originating from all quarters for an extension of the winter works program to May 15?

Mr. Speaker: Order. That question has been asked several times in recent days.

[English]

FISHERIES

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—PAYMENT OF SUBSIDY ON BOAT CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Melvin McQuaid (Kings): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of