

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Trudeau:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am informed by the minister that departmental officials are on the way now to make a preliminary investigation.

whether there cannot be greater participation by the federal government in increasing such cultural activities of these Canadian people?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, the study undertaken by the government on Book IV of the Commission's report will certainly include the subject mentioned by the hon. member. But the study has not yet been completed and I cannot say exactly what policy the government will adopt in this respect.

[English]

[Later:]

**AUDITOR GENERAL****FUNCTIONS AND JURISDICTION—APPEARANCE OF MINISTERS BEFORE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he or any of his ministers would be prepared to accept an invitation from the Public Accounts Committee to appear before that committee in relation to the role, the functions and the jurisdiction of the Auditor General, with meetings to commence on May 5?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** If the chairman of that committee, who I understand is not the hon. member for Vancouver East, were to invite the ministers to attend I am sure they would agree.

**Mr. Winch:** I understood the Prime Minister to say he would agree; I understood he also said that those members of his cabinet who have expressed opinions relative to the functions and work of the Auditor General would appear?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member appears to be repeating the question he asked in the first instance.

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION****SASKATCHEWAN—SPEEDING UP OF ALLOCATION OF INCENTIVE GRANTS TO OFFSET MIGRATION OF WORKERS**

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. It is related to one asked a few moments ago by the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate. In light of the fact that the January-February review of the Department of Manpower and Immigration indicates there is concrete evidence of a substantial migration out of Saskatchewan of some 7,000 of the labour force in January, will the minister press Treasury Board to speed up its allocation of regional development incentive grants in order to offset this serious loss of human resources to the Saskatchewan economy?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, we have just designated the cities of Regina and Saskatoon as "special areas" and we hope this will have good results in Saskatchewan.

[English]

**Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Would the minister care to comment on whether or not he thinks a change from a Liberal government to an NDP government might help the situation in Saskatchewan?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

[Translation]

**SAINT-HYACINTE—ESTABLISHMENT AS DESIGNATED AREA**

**Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe):** Could the minister tell the House whether he has considered the representations that were

**BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM****FOURTH REPORT OF COMMISSION—ASSISTANCE IN INCREASING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS**

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** I have a question for the Secretary of State, Mr. Speaker. If I may be permitted, I would refer to the question I addressed last Thursday to the Minister without Portfolio with regard to involvement of the federal government in the cultural activities of Canadians other than those of French or English origin. It may have been that my question was misunderstood I was thinking of cultural rather than linguistic rights. Would the minister institute a departmental inquiry into this issue and into the pertinent statistics gathered by the B and B Commission in its latest report which refers to the great contribution made by these Canadians, including the native peoples of Canada, with a view to deciding

[Mr. Lundrigan.]