

*Oral Questions*

the recommendations of the Special Committee on Trends in Food Prices?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the minister will report to cabinet on the findings of the committee.

**Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** In view of the urgency of the situation of rising food prices, resulting in protest movements of consumers across Canada, would the Prime Minister assure the House that he or one of his ministers will make a statement on motions within a week as to the government's intention in regard to implementing the recommendations of the committee report?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I will consider that suggestion.

**Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Did the government take any initiative to discourage Japanese food buyers from buying food, especially pork, in the last two weeks or so in this country?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I know of no such initiative.

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**IMMIGRATION****REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION OF ARREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN TORONTO—POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the minister responsible for immigration. Is he aware that on Friday, I believe just prior to the deadline, 60-odd persons were arrested in the city of Toronto? If so, could he shed some light on this procedure which calls for an explanation, failing which the gentle hand theory would perhaps go out the window?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I think the number is overstated. All the persons who were arrested last week in Toronto had arrived in Canada during November and December of last year and at that time they were not considered bona fide non-immigrants. All were released under bond to appear at a later date for a special inquiry. Those arrested had failed to appear and were arrested under provisions of the Immigration Act; all will appear at inquiries early this week.

**Mr. Alexander:** As there seems to be an indication by some immigration officers that they are extending time for registration, is this now government policy, or is the minister giving consideration to this matter in terms of extending the time for registration?

**Mr. Andras:** Mr. Speaker, people wishing to register can come forward at any time, but the deadline for registration as indicated in the release and the regulations early in January will stand. However, I expect to be able to make a more definitive and complete statement on this within a

[Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway).]

few days, and I hope to have the opportunity before the appropriate committee, I believe later this week.

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**NATIONAL DEFENCE****INQUIRY WHETHER HMCS "SAGUENAY" HELICOPTER EQUIPPED AND DISPATCHED TO SOUTHEASTERN ASIA WATERS**

**Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser):** Mr. Speaker, my question is either for the Acting Minister of National Defence or for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Is *HMCS Saguenay* helicopter equipped and has it been dispatched to Southeastern Asia waters to join the *Terra Nova*?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to take the question as notice on behalf of my colleague.

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**INDIAN AFFAIRS****DECISION ON FUTURE OF COQUALEETZA COMPLEX—REASON SALISH WEAVERS ASKED TO VACATE PREMISES**

**Mr. Alex Patterson (Fraser Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, I wanted to direct my question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare but in his unavoidable absence I will direct it to the parliamentary secretary. It is based on a letter received from the minister under date of March 29 with respect to the Coqualeetza complex in my constituency, in which he states: "I have agreed to delay a final decision until March 23 pending receipt of the proposal." He was referring to the brief of the Indian chiefs. May I ask the parliamentary secretary if a final decision has yet been taken with regard to the future of the Coqualeetza complex?

**Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, the presentation made by the Indians has been received by the department, is under active consideration, and no final decision has yet been reached.

**Mr. Patterson:** In view of the fact that the decision has not been made and also in view of the fact that action that is contemplated will destroy years of work and progress in reviving their native art and establishing sales outlets, could the parliamentary secretary advise the House why the Salish weavers have been ordered to vacate the Coqualeetza premises by March 31?

**Mr. Cafik:** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the point made by the hon. member and can neither confirm nor deny it, but I certainly agree that it is a matter of considerable interest. It will be looked into by the department immediately.