

Inquiries of the Ministry

who answers for the wheat board, to be in the house and available to answer questions on this problem, which obviously is not going to be resolved in one day.

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as I explained a moment ago the minister is presently in Victoria discussing the question of pollution in general and of water in particular, and this is also very important. He is replacing the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources who, unfortunately, is still in hospital. The Minister without Portfolio from Saskatchewan will be replacing the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, but on questions such as wheat I am sure the Minister of Agriculture would be glad to answer if questions were directed to him.

Mr. Korchinski: As a supplementary question may I ask the Prime Minister if he could not possibly have someone available on all occasions to answer questions since this is a very critical problem?

Mr. Benson: The Minister of Agriculture is here.

Mr. Korchinski: He is here today but he is gone tomorrow.

BROADCASTING**INQUIRY AS TO REQUEST FOR TAPES OF NEWS BROADCASTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Did any member of the task force on government information services, set up by the right hon. gentleman, request the Canadian Radio-Television Commission to ask Canadian radio stations to provide tapes of their news broadcasts to the commission?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Not that I know of, Mr. Speaker, but I will gladly inquire.

IMMIGRATION**RECRUITING OF TRAINED PERSONNEL FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the recent report by Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations that Canadian immigration policy is jeopardizing the

position of developing countries by draining away their trained and educated citizens, and in view of the statement by the Canadian ambassador to Venezuela, Bruce Rankin, to the United Nations that countries like Canada should agree not to actively seek educated and trained immigrants from under-developed countries, is the minister considering steps that will halt this criticism which is coming from many developing countries throughout the world?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I have not examined these comments but it is not the policy of the department to recruit actively in areas where the governments concerned wish to retain their skilled people.

INDIAN AFFAIRS**REPORTED INSTRUCTION IN RIOT TECHNIQUES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or, in his absence, to the Minister without Portfolio associated with that department. Can the minister now answer the question put to him on November 7 relating to a report that Canadian Indians are being taught riot techniques and, if so, can he say who is instigating this?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is meeting with several provincial Indian leaders at this time. With regard to the question asked, there is no information available to us in that respect.

Mr. Mazankowski: As a supplementary question—

Mr. Speaker: May I have the co-operation of the hon. member also. The hon. member for Edmonton Centre.

OIL**CONSIDERATION OF BRIEF OF INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, this question should be directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources but owing to his unfortunate absence I will direct it to the Prime Minister. Is the government considering the adoption of