

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**INCOME TAX**

**LIABILITY FOR AWARD TO VICTIM OF NAZI PERSECUTION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. Will the minister exercise that side of his nature favouring equity and arrange, by legislation or otherwise, to nullify the effect of the ruling of the tax appeal board published yesterday, which held that an award of compensation to Phillip Koller, as a persecuted Jewish person, by the district board of compensation of West Germany is subject to Canadian income tax?

**Mr. Speaker:** This surely is a question for the order paper.

**Mr. Fairweather:** I submit, Mr. Speaker, that the treatment by Canada of victims of nazi—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. There is no dispute about the importance of the question; it is just the timing of the question that is wrong.

**WORLD FAIR**

**REPORTED TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES RESPECTING SITE**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Is it true, as indicated in *La Presse* of Montreal, that the world exhibition authorities are thinking of changing the site's plans following unforeseen difficulties concerning the filling up of St. Helen and Notre Dame islands?

**Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the report published in *La Presse*, which refers to a statement made by Mr. Lucien Saulnier. I am not in a position to confirm or deny any of the facts contained in it. My hon. friend will understand that, before saying anything on the matter, I shall have to get an official report.

Now I must say that the city of Montreal authorities are responsible for the completion of the site before June 30, 1964, and even if it were true that part of the original plans would have to be altered in the course of the work, I am convinced that this will not prevent the fair from taking place on the St. Helen's complex and to be a great success.

**Mr. Pigeon:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. If major or minor changes are

brought forth, must the fair authorities submit such changes to the bureau of international exhibitions?

**Mr. Deschatelets:** Mr. Speaker, I have no direct means of communication with the authorities of the city of Montreal, but following the information conveyed to me and published in the newspapers, I will surely request the commissioner of the exhibition to report to me on the situation.

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**REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON OFFICER**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Public Works has clearly shown this morning that he was badly informed about the situation in Montreal, as far as the world fair is concerned.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order, please. Be kind enough to formulate your question.

**Mr. Grafftey:** My question stems from that lack of information.

Did not the government appoint a liaison officer in order to be informed as quickly as possible of what is going on in Montreal as far as the world fair is concerned?

**Mr. Deschatelets:** Mr. Speaker, of course I do not accept the premises of the question of my hon. friend. I said a while ago that I would always refuse to comment on a statement before having an official and complete report. If I did otherwise, I think that my hon. friend would be the first one to blame me.

**Mr. Grafftey:** Correct.

**Mr. Deschatelets:** As far as the appointment of a liaison officer is concerned, I can say that for the time being I myself am this liaison officer. This aspect of reorganization will be considered later, but as soon as a liaison officer is appointed, if it is necessary, the house will be informed.

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**HOUSING**

**SASKATOON—ANNOUNCEMENT WITH RESPECT TO WINTER CONSTRUCTION BONUS**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. R. Garland (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Yorkton asked a question as to the regulations in connection with the winter house building incentive program. While the conditions as to eligibility referred to by the hon. member come under the jurisdiction of the Department of Labour, the function of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation is primarily one of inspection in connection with