Inquiries of the Ministry

possible layoffs in several coastal industries.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Transport is due to be in the house tomorrow.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FRED-PLAN FOR WESTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development. Could the minister advise when he expects to sign an agreement with the province of Newfoundland on a proposed \$305 million FRED program as announced three times in the past six months by the premier of Newfoundland.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): I did not catch the figure, but I think this will be signed very shortly.

IMMIGRATION

ADMISSION OF KNOWN PROFESSIONAL AGITATORS

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Immigration. In view of the fact that there appears to be overlapping jurisdiction with regard to this particular problem, could the minister advise whether it is the intention of the government to hold an early conference which would include the Minister of Immigration, the Minister of Justice and the attorneys general of the respective provinces in order to decide what will be the future immigration policy regarding the admission to Canada of known professional agitators.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): The policy of the government in this regard is under continuous review. It has been stated a number of times in the house. At the present time it is not proposed to alter the policy.

[Translation]

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question.

Would the Minister of Manpower and Immigration tell us if the City of Montreal has lodged a complaint concerning the presence in our Quebec universities of Mr. Karl Dutrich-Wolff, president of the socialist

[Mr. St. Pierre.]

resulting in serious dislocation and even students of West Germany, who describes himself as a professional agitator? According to Section 19A of the Immigration Act, I think the minister would be justified in investigating the presence-

> Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the hon. member has made representations to the minister instead of putting a question to him.

[English]

[Later:]

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): With Your Honour's permission, may I rephrase my question to the Minister of Man-power and Immigration of a few moments ago? Has the minister received any representation respecting the presence in Montreal of Karl Dutrich-Wolff, president of the socialist students of West Germany?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest that even as rephrased the question is not in order. The hon. member simply asked whether representations had been received. I wonder whether he would not like to return at the time of adjournment to discuss the matter.

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Would the minister tell the house how he distinguishes in principle between a draft dodger and a deserter?

Mr. Speaker: The distinguished member's question is out of order.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE POSITION OF WELFARE RECIPIENTS

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the wide publicity given to the weekend statement of a respected Toronto economist, that the establishment has no interest in the poor and is not going to do anything for them, will the minister make an early statement concerning what programs are in prospect to transform the poor from welfare recipients into participating citizens.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have the impression the question as asked is not in order. The hon, member is suggesting what the minister's statement should be if he were to make a statement. I would think for this reason the question should not be answered.

Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.