

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Drury:** As I have said, this subject will be discussed by the Secretary of State for External Affairs and, again, I believe it would be better to await his return rather than to attempt to elaborate on it now.

[English]

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. A short time ago, when the minister was answering questions about the unemployment situation in Cornwall, he explained it away by telling us there were a number of other cities in Canada where unemployment was worse. Will he inform the House which cities he was referring to?

## INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. Will the hon. gentleman give every assurance that there will be no forgiveness for any municipality which deals with Ottawa using guile, skulduggery or a less-than-honest approach, as was recommended on Saturday by the hon. member for York West?

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

## POST OFFICE

WHITE PAPER ON ESTABLISHMENT OF CROWN CORPORATION

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** I have some doubt as to the form of the question asked by the hon. member; I should like to have the opportunity to reflect on it. If there is urgency attached to it, it seems to me this is eminently the kind of question which hon. members always enjoy debating at ten o'clock.

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** I should like to direct a question to the Postmaster General, the sleeping giant-stirrer, regarding the white paper on transforming the Post Office Department into a Crown corporation. This is a document which, according to the minister, has been discussed with the postal unions but, to quote the hon. gentleman, "the cabinet doesn't even know about it, yet." May I ask the minister when he intends to let his cabinet colleagues see this document, and when members of this House might be given a look?

**Mr. Bell:** I will try it again, if I may. Will the Solicitor General, since there is no more parliamentary privilege, consider putting the hon. member for York West in jail for the statement he made on Saturday?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** As soon as the document is complete, Mr. Speaker.

## REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

CORNWALL—TASK FORCE REPORT—ACTION BY DEPARTMENT

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** May I direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion regarding conditions in Cornwall, Ontario, where at the present time it is estimated there are some 3,300 unemployed representing about 18 per cent of the labour force. I asked the minister a question about this matter some weeks ago and he replied that a special task force was looking into the situation in the area. Has he yet received a report, and what action, if any, is his department taking to meet this unfortunate situation?

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REPRESENTATIONS BY CANADA CONCERNING ATTACK ON ISRAELI SCHOOL BUS

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** My question is addressed to the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs; I have given notice of it to his office. Has Canada taken steps through diplomatic channels to condemn the attack on an Israeli school bus which originated in Lebanese territory last Friday causing the death of 11 people, most of whom were children?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I believe the task force returned last week. I have not received any recent report on that matter. I will inquire and give the House the results of the study tomorrow or the day after.

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs):** I am sure all hon. members share the sense of shock and distaste which this incident has produced. I do not know as yet what effective formal steps we could take in protest, but clearly an expression of dissatisfaction should be registered.

[Mr. MacLean.]