

YOUTH

CAPITAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROVISION OF YOUTH HOSTEL FACILITIES

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of citizenship programs. In view of the large numbers of young people now travelling in Canada, is the government considering a program to provide capital assistance for youth hostel facilities? I ask this question in view of the fact that the current program is restricted to operational assistance.

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Burton: A supplementary question. Could I also ask the minister whether he is considering alternative means of assistance this year for facilities in communities where difficulties in obtaining approval of municipal authorities have been encountered?

Mr. Stanbury: Mr. Speaker, there is a very flexible provision for assistance. The Canadian Assistance Plan offers a great deal of assistance to such projects, and the citizenship branch will assist further with operational costs where there is clear evidence available of community support and responsible management.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

POSSIBILITY OF INSTALLATION OF ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILES IN ARCTIC

Mr. William Skoreyko (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the statement made some time ago by the Minister of National Defence that the installation of ABMs in Canada's Arctic was possible, can the Prime Minister now say as a result of his trip to Russia whether this project can be considered possible in the near future?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the project to which the hon. member is referring. I will consult with the Minister of National Defence.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the Prime Minister's previous experience and the fact that the Russians seem to be calling the tune, was there any suggestion on their part that he would be better advised to return to his ballet dancing?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We are running short of time. Perhaps we might try to limit ourselves to matters which ought to be considered during the question period.

Inquiries of the Ministry

THE CENSUS

EXAMINATION OF COMPLETED FORMS BY PRIVATE CITIZENS—ACTION TO PROTECT SECRECY AND PRIVACY

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question about the census. As the minister responsible and his parliamentary secretary are absent, I will direct my question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the census forms, whether the long or the short, are not being mailed directly to Ottawa for scrutiny and tabulation, as was the case in 1961, but are being directed to local organizations for scrutiny and checking before being sent to Ottawa, would the Prime Minister ask the minister in charge to delay the deadline for sending these forms and suspend the provision for the imposition of fines until such time as secrecy and privacy are protected?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I do not sense the nature of the question, Mr. Speaker. I will, of course, transmit it to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, but I am not sure in what way the hon. member is alleging that secrecy is not being protected.

Mr. Hales: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the Prime Minister whether he thinks that the privacy of individuals is being protected when local committees scrutinize the census forms rather than have the scrutiny made in Ottawa?

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question on the same subject. May I ask the Prime Minister or the Minister of Finance whether the government is not aware that these forms are in violation of the Income Tax Act?

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GRAIN

INQUIRY AS TO FINAL PAYMENT ON WHEAT FOR 1969-70 CROP YEAR—BARLEY PAYMENT

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. What is causing the undue delay in making the final payment for wheat, and when can we expect the payment on barley?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, when a pool is closed there is always a significant period of time before accounts are finalized, and there is nothing undue about the period of time that is being taken in this case. The barley pool for 1969-70 closed, of course, some time ago and payment was made.

Mr. Korchinski: May we expect the payment within three weeks?