

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

be raised as the difficulties arise, I was going to ask whether this whole matter of answers could not be looked at.

**Mr. Henderson:** Never mind the speech. Go ahead and ask the question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I am sorry I missed the interruption.

**An hon. Member:** It was a good one.

**Mr. Speaker:** However, I cannot condone its having been made during the explanation of the hon. member's point of order.

**Mr. McIlraith:** I was going to ask that the whole matter of answers be looked at from the point of view of transgression of the rules and that a ruling be made at a later date, probably at the beginning of the week.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think there is no need to reserve anything. The hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. McIlraith) has raised a question that from time to time gives concern. Hon. members will have to keep within the limits of the rules in their questions, particularly in their oral questions, if we are to make any use of this period without improperly holding up the business on the order paper. Rule 39, may I remind the house, contains quite definite language. It is not a question of practice; it is a question of a specific rule. Rule 39 states in part as follows:

—but in putting any such question or in replying to the same no argument or opinion is to be offered, nor any facts stated, except so far as may be necessary to explain the same; and in answering such question the matter to which the same refers shall not be debated.

I must rely on the co-operation of both sides of the house to keep within these limits.

The Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Green) has been trying to get the floor.

**UNITED NATIONS****SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND FOR  
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Howard C. Green (Acting Prime Minister):** On Wednesday, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Argue) asked whether there had been any discussion between Canada and the secretary general of the United Nations on the establishment of a fund for African development.

No discussions of the kind referred to have taken place recently. The Canadian permanent representative at the United Nations had some discussion with the secretary general earlier this year about assistance to Africa, and since that time we have

been following closely the secretary general's statements and the development of his ideas on this subject, in particular a report which the secretary general presented to the economic and social council of the United Nations at the end of March. In his report to the economic and social council the secretary general did not propose a special United Nations fund for Africa. He stated that the question required further study, and that he proposed to report more fully to the economic and social council at its next session in June of this year.

The government will, of course, continue to follow with great interest the elaboration of Mr. Hammarskjöld's proposals as to the United Nations' role in assistance to Africa through the Canadian representative at the United Nations.

**Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia):** I should like to ask a supplementary question. Possibly the Acting Prime Minister could say whether Canada has made any particular offer to the United Nations' secretary general as far as assistance in this fund is concerned.

**Mr. Green:** Any assistance would have to be approved by the United Nations, either by the general assembly or one of the subsidiary organizations. No proposal has yet reached the stage where an indication could be given as to whether or not Canada would approve.

**NORTHERN AFFAIRS****SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF TOURIST BUREAU  
IN WESTERN EUROPE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Can the minister say what consideration is being given to establishing a tourist information bureau in western Europe in an effort to take advantage of the rapidly increasing flow of tourists from Europe resulting from their resurging economy?

**Mr. Speaker:** Did the hon. member give notice of this question?

**Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources):** I am prepared to answer it, Mr. Speaker. Since the change in the regulations in the United Kingdom with regard to restrictions on the movement of currency to Canada, the federal government through its travel bureau and our Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources has been in consultation with the high commissioner of the United Kingdom about plans for that particular