HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 9, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CONDEMNATION OF ACTIONS OF CUBA ENDANGERING WORLD PEACE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, to move the following motion:

That this House views with alarm the conduct of President Castro of Cuba, the only communist leader in the Americas, for having recently increased the number of Cuban troops in Africa to 30,000 who are mobilized for action to remove existing governments and to substitute therefor communist administrations; and that this House calls on the government to inform Castro that his deplorable and shocking action is dangerous to world peace and must be discontinued and, if not, will cause Canada to consider terminating diplomatic relations with Cuba.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, can be done only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Translation]

CENSORSHIP

REQUEST FILM "MANY FACES OF JESUS" BE BANNED IN CANADA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 and ask for the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion relating to a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering that Swedish film producer J. J. Thorsen has made a pornographic film picturing Christ as a drunkard, a fornicator and a homosexual; considering that the film, which is entitled *The Many Faces of Jesus*, has been banned in Israel, in England and in France; and considering that the film will be shown in Canada as early as next fall, thanks to the

help of a Canadian financial backer, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That the House order the government to take as soon as possible all necessary steps to prohibit the circulation or distribution in Canada of that film or of any other of the same sort.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, presentation of such a motion can only be made with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[English]

AGRICULTURE

LIVESTOCK—REQUESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF AUTHORITY TO MONITOR PRICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, cattle producers, as the House knows, are in the second week of a boycott of auction yards and packing plants in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, having experienced constant losses in the cattle business over the last four years. I would therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House instruct the Minister of Agriculture to introduce legislation immediately, as he has promised, to establish a meat authority with the power to rationalize and plan the livestock industry so that farmers will receive a fair price for their product.

Mr. Speaker: Unanimous consent is required before such a motion can be put forward under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

LABOUR RELATIONS

GOVERNMENT RIGHT TO SCRUTINIZE STRIKE VOTE PROCEEDINGS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity which relates to yet another possible postal strike. In view of the fact that a number of essential services, particularly those supplied by the