

Inquiries of the Ministry

Canada with one of the embassies or legations? If so, does the government intend to do anything about it?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I shall take the question as notice.

SOCIAL SECURITY**INQUIRY AS TO STUDY OF GUARANTEED MINIMUM INCOME**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Having regard to various statements made by cabinet ministers and more particularly the announcement made by President Johnson last week, of the appointment of a commission to study proposals for the establishment of a guaranteed minimum income, and in view of the problems which could arise if that nation proceeded with such a program before Canada, is the Prime Minister considering the formation of a similar commission in Canada?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this government along with other governments has been giving consideration to the very important matter of a guaranteed annual income for all. My hon. friend will recall that we have made what I think is a very important and useful first step in that direction in the legislation which was passed a few weeks ago. The broader aspects of the matter are still under consideration and will require a great deal of study before a guaranteed income can be implemented in this country.

OIL**STEPS TO INCREASE EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of his temporary absence it might be taken as notice and he could give an answer when he returns to the house a little later or tomorrow. In view of the Levy report entitled "The Outlook for Canadian Crude Production and Markets", have the minister or officials of his department had any consultations recently with representatives of the oil industry on steps to be taken to increase markets for Canadian oil in the United States?

[Mr. Langlois (Mégantic).]

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that this is a question of a very general nature. I do not think that this type of question can be asked on orders of the day.

Mr. Harkness: Mr. Speaker, this is an urgent matter of importance and I hope that the minister will be able to answer the question tomorrow.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the question raised by the hon. member for Calgary North I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he would look into the situation and determine first whether the targets laid down for the export of crude petroleum will be reduced at the rate of 100,000 barrels of crude per day and, second, whether a method is being considered in conjunction with trade groups in the United States to increase the export of crude which is of such importance in the trade between our two countries?

Mr. Speaker: May I point out to the hon. member that the second question is of the same nature as the first one and the minister may wish to answer both by way of a statement on motions. However, I doubt that the question can be asked in the way it has been.

GRAIN**QUEBEC—REQUEST FOR DELAY IN SALE OF ELEVATORS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Ou'Appelle): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Transport. The first part is simple. Has the minister received a telegram today from the minister of agriculture of Quebec asking that the sale of grain elevators in that province be held up until there can be some sort of meeting with the minister?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I gather that the hon. gentleman has also received such a communication. I have received one. I have not had time to reply to it, since it reached me just as I came into the house.

Mr. Hamilton: May I ask a supplementary question. Will the minister consider replying to the effect that he will consider holding a meeting not only with the minister of agriculture for Quebec but also the Board of Grain Commissioners and the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development who has charge of the feed grain program, so that the problem