

AGRICULTURE

ST. PAUL, ALTA.—PROTEST AGAINST
FARM INCOMES

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Would he tell the house and the people of this country what measure his government proposes to alleviate the conditions which today in the town of St. Paul, Alberta, have brought more than 800 farmers out to a mass rally to protest depressed farm incomes? Can he indicate to the farmers of Canada when the nation's agricultural community might be included in the just society?

SASKATOON, SASK.—PROTEST AGAINST
FARM INCOMES

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. In view of the wire received from the Saskatoon Board of Trade regarding the serious situation which faces agricultural communities in western Canada would the Prime Minister inform the house concerning the nature of his reply.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I am not aware of having received such a telegram, Mr. Speaker.

CANADA COUNCIL

SCHOLARSHIP TO JON BORDO

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Now that he has explained to his own satisfaction the granting of a Canada Council award to one student radical leader, could he now look into the \$3,500 Canada Council scholarship granted to one Jon Bordo, self-described student radical leader at the University of Alberta.

CANADA PENSION PLAN

EXEMPTION OF OLD ORDER MENNONITES

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I should like to ask him whether he has discussed with representatives of the provinces the possibility of obtaining an exemption for the Old Order of Mennonites from the provisions of the Canada Pension Plan, and if so what has been the result of those discussions?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest this is the type of question which should be placed on the order paper.

Inquiries of the Ministry

IMMIGRATION

DELAYS IN HEARINGS

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Will the minister undertake to investigate reports of an inordinate delay in granting hearings to immigrant applicants who apply for special inquiries or other proceedings?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes. I would be glad to investigate this in general, and if my hon. friend has any specific cases I would be glad to consider those also.

ADMISSION OF DRAFT DODGERS AND
DESERTERS

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Could the minister inform the house how soon we might expect a report on immigration policies respecting United States military deserters?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): No. I am not ready yet to make any such statement.

RUDOLPH HOLATA—PROTEST AGAINST
HOLDING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Since I had been recognized just before the previous point of order I wonder if I might ask a question which I believe is very urgent.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member cannot do this on a point of order. He might be allowed to do it with the unanimous agreement of the house.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Paproski: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs based on his statement of Thursday, April 24 regarding the imprisonment of Rudolph Holata. My question is the same as the one I asked previously. Has the Canadian government protested the arrest and imprisonment of a Canadian citizen and employee of the Canadian government and if not why not?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I gave a full answer to that question.