

*Oral Questions***IMMIGRATION****INTENTION RESPECTING EXTENSION OF ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of representations made by the Canadian Council of Churches and other organizations that the immigration adjustment assistance program be extended beyond its expiry date, October 15, may I ask whether the minister does, in fact, intend to extend that program?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I have weighed this matter very carefully on the basis of all the representations I have received, for and against, and other evidence I have sought. After assessing the question I have decided not to seek the authority of parliament to extend the opportunity for adjustment of status in Canada. I appreciate the opinions and sentiments expressed by all hon. members who have written to me.

Mr. Gilbert: In view of the department's practice of accepting early applications for registration under the act, will the minister consider accepting late registrations under the same act?

Mr. Andras: Since October 15, the expiry date, we have received only 33 such inquiries in all our immigration offices across the country. We have examined these and in cases where there are compassionate grounds for landing as provided in the existing act, which gives me some discretionary authority, we have taken such action and we shall continue to do so. But this does not in any way mean a restoration of the mass adjustment of status program that existed up to October 15.

INTENTION RESPECTING PERSONS WHO FAILED TO REGISTER UNDER ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Duncan M. Beattie (Hamilton Mountain): In view of the statement made by the minister on CTV on Sunday, October 14, that his department had no immediate plans to deport illegal immigrants after the deadline date, and his subsequent statement—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This might be a proper moment to remind hon. members that as far as possible questions asked in the House should not be based on statements made outside the House. We have often found ourselves in difficulty in the past as a result of trying to avoid this long established rule. I feel that in practically all circumstances the question can be asked directly without basing it on a statement made outside the House.

Mr. Beattie (Hamilton Mountain): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister inform the House just what he proposes to do with illegal immigrants or aliens who have refused to register and are apprehended?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, since the hon. member did refer to a statement of mine, I should like to point out that I made whatever comments he said I made were in response to a question asking whether there was going to

[Mr. Sharp.]

be a witch hunt. I said there was not going to be one. The new law is well known to all hon. members. The law will be enforced. Where there are reasons on compassionate grounds for considering a particular case, we shall do so. Otherwise, should a straight case arise, for example, involving a criminal who has been apprehended and who is in contravention of the Immigration Act, I think there is no doubt that deportation would take place. The hon. member is aware that the right of appeal has been restricted. The law will apply, and that is what hon. members recommended during the debate.

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AIR CANADA**POSSIBILITY OF REORGANIZATION OF TOP MANAGEMENT LEVEL—REPLACEMENT FOR PRESIDENT**

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact we have witnessed the departure this year of three top executives of Air Canada, including the president, John Baldwin, can the minister advise the House whether a reorganization of the top management level of Air Canada is taking place and, specifically, when we may expect an announcement as to a replacement for Mr. John Baldwin?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): I do not know of any reorganization in Air Canada. The president left a few weeks ago and I hope he will be replaced very rapidly. But his departure is not related to any restructuring of Air Canada.

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GRAIN**FEED GRAIN—ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELLING PRICES FOR WHEAT, BARLEY AND OATS**

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Justice, in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. Is the hon. gentleman prepared to announce this week the price of off-Wheat Board grain so that uncertainty may be removed from the operations of the feeding industry?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): The Canadian Wheat Board announced its selling prices under the new feed grain policy for feed wheat, feed barley and feed oats yesterday at about one o'clock, Winnipeg time.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance who admitted last week in a news release that he was basing his calculations for next year on a staggering increase in inflation amounting to 6.6 per cent. How does the minister intend to get inflation down to that figure?