

Inquiries of the Ministry

the necessity of issuing a statement making it clear that the wage increases recently negotiated have not resulted in price increases?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): I am not sure that Steinberg's will ever recover from the shock of being defended by the hon. member.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Basford: I might say that the consumer price index to be released later today will indicate the success the policies of the government and the commission have achieved over the last few months.

Mrs. MacInnis: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I raised the question of a company which is aggrieved and which has sent a wire to the minister alleging unfair treatment. I do not care who it is; if there is unfair treatment—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**MONTREAL—PRESENCE OF FLQ CELL WITHIN FRENCH NETWORK**

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the honourable minister responsible to Parliament for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Would the Secretary of State tell us whether he has been informed about the possible existence of an FLQ cell within the CBC in Montreal?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): No, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

UNITED NATIONS**TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS—NON-ATTENDANCE OF PRIME MINISTER**

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Prime Minister. On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations of the United Nations, when all leaders of governments which are members of the United Nations will be present at this historic event, would the Prime Minister explain to the House and through the House to the Canadian people why, when he has ten days available to visit the U.S.S.R. he cannot spare a few hours to represent Canada—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member will recognize that the question as asked is not in order. He is putting an argument, not a question. The hon. member for Grey-Simcoe.

[Mrs. MacInnis.]

Mr. Thompson: I will rephrase my question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Grey-Simcoe.

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TRADE**PROTEST AGAINST IMPOSITION OF QUOTAS BY UNITED STATES ON CERTAIN IMPORTS FROM CANADA**

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Minister of National Revenue. Is the government making any representations to the United States government by way of protesting trade Bill H. R. 18970 now before Congress which proposes to impose quotas on several imports by that country from Canada which are vital to our economy?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I think that question relates more directly to the responsibilities of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and I shall be pleased to draw it to his attention.

[Later:]

Mr. Noble: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Revenue. When he refers my first question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, will he also ask the minister whether the government is aware of the disastrous effect that the bill to which I have referred can have on the already depressed mink producing industry in Canada?

Mr. Gray: I shall be happy to do that, Mr. Speaker.

PROTECTION OF CANADIAN TEXTILE AND FOOTWEAR MANUFACTURERS AGAINST IMPORTS FROM PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Grey): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue in connection with the greatly increased trade and business contacts that are expected to follow diplomatic recognition of Red China. In view of the fact that many of our textile and footwear manufacturers have already experienced great difficulty because of foreign imports, what steps is the government going to take to ensure that these new business associations will not eliminate many of our well established commercial organizations and greatly increase unemployment?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, as far as my own responsibility is concerned, I shall certainly see that the department vigorously enforces the law under its jurisdiction in this regard. Also the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce recently announced to the House a new textile policy which is being put in place and which I think is designed to assure the interests of one industry the hon. member mentioned, while paying due regard to our trade relations with other nations.