

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice):** I understand the hon. member to ask me whether the prohibition applies to war criminals. I should like to thank the hon. member for his courtesy in giving me notice of his intention to ask this question.

In reply, I think I must say that the words referred to in the Immigration Act are technical words and used in a technical sense, and as the words "war criminals" do not have a precise meaning it is not possible to give a categorical answer to the question. All I can say is that each case would have to be dealt with on an individual basis.

**FINANCE****REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE TO STUDY  
INFLATIONARY TREND**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. E. G. Hansell (Macleod):** May I direct a question to the Prime Minister or the leader of the house. Would the government initiate a move to have a special parliamentary committee or even the banking and commerce committee meet to pursue a study of the reasons for the inflationary trend and the continued increase in the cost of living?

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, this government, as always, will give consideration to anything for the benefit of the Canadian people.

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** I desire to direct a question to the Prime Minister. I am sorry I was not able to give him notice. I should like to ask him, what is the difference between the attitude of the majority of your members now as compared to the attitude shown by the previous government and to which your members strenuously objected?

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** It is not a question of attitude; it is a question of parliamentary rights.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Winch:** As a supplementary question, may I ask the Prime Minister if he does not find there is a difference when the shoe is on the other foot?

**INQUIRY AS TO CHANGE IN PREVIOUS MONETARY  
POLICY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Colin Cameron (Nanaimo):** Can the Minister of Finance tell us if his government is prepared or is proposing to change the so-called tight money policy of the previous Liberal government?

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, if there is any statement to be made on that subject I can assure my hon. friend it will be made to the house at the proper time. However, I may recall to my hon. friend's mind the fact that some five weeks ago this government made the sum of \$150 million available for loans on mortgages to stimulate the construction of houses under the National Housing Act.

**Mr. Lesage:** It was provided in the estimates.

**Mr. Fleming:** It was not provided in the estimates. I just heard a mistaken interruption from the hon. member for Montmagny-L'Islet. This \$150 million, which seems to confuse my hon. friend, was not in the estimates, but was provided under the statute. It was not in the estimates, and the government in accordance with the provisions of the act in question, which is the National Housing Act, made the money available, by means of which it is hoped to stimulate house construction in the fall and winter months.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** May I ask a supplementary question?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Nanaimo.

**Mr. Cameron:** Does the minister consider that the \$150 million provided for the construction of houses is in effect an amendment or reversal of the provisions of the government's tight money policy, and if so would he explain to the house of what that policy consisted?

**Mr. Fleming:** Far be it from me to undertake to explain the policies of the last government.

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate):** I have a supplementary question to the question asked by the hon. member for Nanaimo. Is the Minister of Finance telling us now he is repudiating the statement he made to the Canadian Press after the election?

**Mr. Fleming:** I have never repudiated any statement in my life, and I do not intend to start now. I commend that example to my hon. friend.

**CANALS****CHIGNECTO—REFERENCE TO STATEMENT  
BY PRIME MINISTER**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Henry Murphy (Westmorland):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. To what persons has the government