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CIP PLANT IN TEMISCAMING—ALLEGED THEFT OF
TIMBER—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Considering the news I received at noon today from which it is alleged that the CIP is stealing the wood which is part of the deal, would the minister ask his officials to look into the matter and find out if there is any truth in these assertions?

[English]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I shall be very glad to do that.

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AGRICULTURE

SHIPMENT OF HORSES TO EUROPE FOR SLAUGHTER

Mr. Ken Hurlburt (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that the minister's office has been deluged with protests to the same degree as mine has since attention was called to the inhumane conditions under which horses are shipped to Europe, may I ask whether the hon. gentleman has now made a decision that this practice will be discontinued where it adversely affects the Canadian processing industry?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker.

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IMMIGRATION

REQUEST FOR ACTION TO PREVENT DEPORTATION OF DR.
JENNY HO TO TAIWAN

Mr. Peter Stollery (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the great concern expressed by the Chinese community of southern Ontario about a particularly tragic case, may I ask whether the minister is considering extraordinary steps at this time to prevent the deportation to Taiwan of Dr. Jenny Ho?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Dr. Ho's lawyer has recently asked the Federal Court for an extension of time in which to seek leave to appeal. While we could legally deport Dr. Ho, under these circumstances, as a special measure at this stage this course of action will not be undertaken, certainly not until all avenues open to her in her appeal to the Federal Court, if granted, have been exhausted.

Oral Questions

PUBLIC SERVICE

RATE OF GROWTH IN NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES—
INTENTION OF GOVERNMENT

Mr. Trevor Morgan (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Having regard to the fact that government expenditures provide a major base for the inflation which is taking place in this country, and having regard to the fact that the growth in the public service in the past two years has been running in excess of 12 per cent, is it the government's policy that this unwarranted increase in the size of the public service should continue?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I believe that when the next estimates are tabled the hon. member will be able to see the rate of progress which has been made. But I would state, in answer to his question, that it is our intention to exercise as much caution as possible in permitting any growth in the public service.

Mr. Morgan: I wonder whether the growth in the public service was the government's answer to the unemployment problem.

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IMMIGRATION

REQUEST FOR DEPORTATION OF CERTAIN GYPSIES WHO
ENTERED CANADA IN APRIL

Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It arises from the entry into Canada in late April of a group of gypsies from Europe. As these gypsies have victimized people in rural areas of western Canada—amounts as high as \$6,000 are involved—will the minister order their deportation immediately so as to protect Canadian citizens?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I will certainly pay very careful attention to the representations made by the hon. member and to the information he has given me, but I cannot assent to take such a drastic course of action without further and thorough investigation.

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Mr. Stewart (Marquette): As these gypsies were refused entry into the United States and have entered Canada on phony German passports, will the minister have these people detained until this matter is looked into, as I understand they are now moving into the province of Ontario where the big money is?

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FINANCE

GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED LOANS—REQUEST THAT
MINISTER ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR BANKS ON
PROVISION OF FUNDS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of