

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I have taken note of the hon. member's representation and will see that my officials have the matter he has raised looked into.

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YOUTH**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION INTO GRANT TO PROJECT IN TOWN OF SIMCOE**

Mr. William Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand): Mr. Speaker, my question ought to be directed to the Secretary of State but in his absence may I direct it to the Acting Prime Minister. Will he be so kind as to investigate a grant of \$7,765 under the Opportunities for Youth program to a project in the town of Simcoe? One of the objects of the project is the publishing of an underground newspaper, a copy of which I have here, and the language is such that it could not be read in the House of Commons.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. MacInnis: I will bet the Prime Minister read it.

Mr. Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand): I exclude such notable exceptions, Mr. Speaker. I ask the minister to have this grant investigated. I have the particulars here but will not take the time of the House to put them on record.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will draw the hon. member's question to the attention of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand): Would the minister consult with the Under Secretary of State, Mr. Leger, with whom I have communicated this morning and who has some details on this matter? There is some urgency involved.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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WELFARE**VALIDITY OF POLL CONDUCTED BY "WELFARE SYSTEMS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS"**

Mr. Mac T. McCutcheon (Lambton-Kent): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the President of the Treasury Board. I apologize for not having given him notice of it. May I ask, is there any government organization called "Welfare Systems of the House of Commons" which claims to have a mandate to poll various people who are receiving welfare assistance? I ask this question in view of requests to my office regarding the validity of this so-called poll.

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member will understand that this does not fall under my jurisdiction, but I might say that personally I am not aware of any such organization.

[Mr. Thomson.]

Mr. McCutcheon: I wonder whether I could impose on the good offices of the minister and ask him to investigate this problem?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Of course that is a representation.

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[Translation]

PUBLIC ORDER**DISTURBANCES IN QUEBEC—DISCUSSION RESPECTING INTERVENTION OF ARMED FORCES**

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of National Defence.

Because of the rather special situation now prevailing in Quebec could the minister tell us if the Quebec government has contacted him or his government and if negotiations were entered into for the intervention of armed forces should this prove necessary?

[English]

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

Mr. La Salle: Mr. Speaker, under the circumstances, is the minister ready to co-operate with the Quebec Minister of Justice and give him the necessary assistance in due course?

[English]

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, before the government of Canada can use the armed forces there has to be a request from the province.

Mr. Peters: Do not use the War Measures Act again.

• (1140)

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I want to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether reinstatement of the War Measures Act in Quebec is being contemplated?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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FISHERIES**FISHERIES COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS RESPECTING ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SECTION AND ON FISHING ZONES**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the complex problems at present facing the fishing industry at the international level, is the minister giving any consideration to establishing as a priority item an international fisheries section within the department because of the increasing involvement of international laws and negotiations with the Canadian fishing industry, as recommended to him by the Fisheries Council of Canada?