

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

CREATION OF MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister. Is the government considering the creation of a single ministry responsible for unemployment as suggested by the President of the Treasury Board?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Ryan: Mr. Speaker, is the government considering giving an existing ministry a new department to be known as Unemployment Canada?

Mr. Sharp: No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, if the government is contemplating setting up this new department to deal with unemployment, will the Acting Prime Minister consider asking the House for unanimous consent as I am sure we would waive our right to debate this new department.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

DISPUTE BETWEEN HUDSON BAY MINING AND SMELTING COMPANY AND EMPLOYEES—STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Have there been any hopeful developments in respect of the strike at Flin Flon and Snow Lake which is now rapidly approaching its fifth month?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Yes, Mr. Speaker. As a result of efforts of the officials of my department in the latter part of last week in private conversations with both management and labour, I am pleased to announce that negotiations will resume this morning either in Winnipeg or Flin Flon, and the mediation team of the department will consist of Mr. Gunn and Mr. Kelly.

LABOUR COURTS PROPOSED BY SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is also for the Minister of Labour. In so far as it affects Canadian labour policies and regulations, is the minister in agreement with the principle of provincial labour courts as outlined personally by the premier of Saskatchewan?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would not think that the question as asked is in order. The hon. member is inviting the minister to indicate whether he is in agreement with a principle enunciated outside the House by a provincial leader. In those terms I would not think the question is procedurally acceptable.

Inquiries of the Ministry

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

POSSIBLE DISCONTINUANCE OF PROGRAM "RADIO NOON"

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State may I direct my question to the parliamentary secretary. In view of the fact that many Canadians, both rural and urban, are greatly fearful that "Radio Noon" may suffer a similar fate to that of "Country Calendar", will he inquire whether the CBC is contemplating changing or cancelling the program "Radio Noon", which is heard daily at 12.10 p.m., and report to the House?

Mr. James Hugh Faulkner (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will look into that.

[Later:]

Mr. Speaker, earlier in the proceedings the hon. member for Perth raised a question concerning whether the CBC intends to carry the program "Radio Noon". I can inform the House that the CBC does intend to carry the program.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

EAST PAKISTAN AND INDIA—PROVISION OF SURPLUS EASTERN CANADA AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact there is a desperate need for food in Pakistan and India, is his department making a canvass of surplus agricultural foods now available in eastern Canada in order to ascertain whether some of these supplies might be moved to the area, or will supplies be confined only to western feed and other grain?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, our department co-operates with the Department of External Affairs and agencies including CIDA, FAO and the world food program on a continuing basis to advise them of what we are capable of supplying. What we normally do is respond to the requests of each recipient country.

Mr. Danforth: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire whether there has been any request for the utilization of some of the eastern surpluses of poultry, dairy products and grain?

Mr. Olson: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Indeed, a few days ago I announced a program to buy surplus eggs, have them dried at the drying plants and make the egg powder available to the world food program.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMCHITKA NUCLEAR TESTS AT WASHINGTON MEETING

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Did the minister raise the question of further nuclear tests on Amchitka Island during his recent discussions in Washington, and did he make Canada's position clear on the matter?