

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Kierans: Mr. Speaker, as the hon. gentleman knows, that is a subject presently being discussed by those who are negotiating both for the unions and for the government.

[*Translation*]

IMMIGRATION

SECURITY MEASURES FOR HIPPIE CONGRESS

Mr. Gérald Laniel (Beauharnois): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the honourable Minister of Manpower and Immigration, of which I have given him notice and which, although it may be of local interest only, is designed to reassure the population of my district.

I should like to ask the minister whether his department intends to make special arrangements for security and control at the different points of entry along the border in the county of Huntington, particularly at Franklin Centre, in view of the hippie conference, which is to take place at the end of May at Churubusco, N.Y., three miles from the Canadian border, where 200,000 to 300,000 North American hippies will be holding a live-in?

Mr. Speaker: I do not know whether this question is one that calls for an immediate reply. In view of the circumstances, perhaps the minister might answer.

[*English*]

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I wish to assure the hon. member and his constituents that all steps required in the circumstances will be taken by the Department of Manpower and Immigration to ensure that the immigration law and policy are observed in that area.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

ACTION ON WELFARE COUNCIL REPORT ON YOUTH

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. On April 20, I asked the minister what action his department was taking in respect of the recent Canadian Welfare Council report on transient youth. At that time he took the question as notice. I wonder if he can reply today?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Yes, Mr. Speaker, but I only wish to point out to the hon. member that the matter of transient youth is under consideration. It is being reviewed by the task force on youth set up a few months ago by the Secretary of State. I had the opportunity to realize in the past few days that the task force is giving the matter very special attention.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to bring the attention of hon. members to the fact that the question period has expired. Perhaps with the unanimous agreement of the House, the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville might be allowed his supplementary question and the hon. member for Sarnia might be given a chance to ask his question.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, as a supplementary question I was going to ask the Secretary of State whether he could inform the House when we might expect some legislation on the whole topic of transient youth?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Pelletier: Certainly not during this session, Mr. Speaker, and not before we receive the report of the task force.

[*English*]

FISHERIES

REPRESENTATIONS TO UNITED STATES CONCERNING SALE OF CANADIAN COHOE SALMON

Mr. Jack Cullen (Sarnia): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Are representations being made or have they been made to the United States food and drug department to clear the sale of fresh, Great Lakes Cohoe salmon to the United States market?

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, we have run tests on Cohoe salmon out of Lake Huron. The tests so far on a total of, I think, 40,000 pounds have shown little or no evidence of mercury or pesticides. We have been given clearance for these fish. I understand that United States authorities have given clearance on fresh Cohoe salmon entering U.S.A. as of May 10.