

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

## INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

**Mr. Barney Danson (York-North):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Justice. In view of the fact that one of the student rioters at Sir George Williams College is claiming friendship with a distinguished Canadian noted for his persistent efforts to overthrow the government, would the hon. gentleman in question be asked to join his hippy friends in incarceration?

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

## BANKRUPTCY

STOA GALLERY, LTD.—ALLEGED FRAUD AND FALSIFICATION

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, this is a follow-up to my question of yesterday to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Did a trustee in bankruptcy recommend in 1967 that the President of Stoa Gallery Ltd. of Montreal be "brought before the courts to stand trial for fraud and falsification," and what action is the government taking?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The facts in the hon. member's question are correct. At the time the report was made by Mr. Margiese, the trustee, the subject of bankruptcy was and had been for some time under intensive investigation by the R.C.M.P., at the request of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy. Whatever evidence was discovered as a result of that investigation was, as is the usual practice in these matters, submitted to the Department of Justice.

**Mr. Fairweather:** As a supplementary question to the Minister of Justice may I ask whether charges have been preferred against the person involved as yet?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** No, sir.

## NATIONAL DEFENCE

C.F.B. HALIFAX—PAY ADJUSTMENTS FOR PERSONNEL

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the President of the Treasury Board. Can he advise the house what is the present status of the approximately 200 labourers and trades helpers at C.F.B. Halifax who have been waiting over two and a half years for their pay adjustments?

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**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I wonder whether the hon. member does not feel that this is a question that might be considered at the time of adjournment in view of the fact that it refers to these people who have been waiting for two and a half years. Is that not an indication that the question might be debated at the time of adjournment?

**Mr. Forrestall:** Mr. Speaker, the matter is under very active consideration by the department, and the minister might be able to give some answer. This concerns a small pocket of men and the question must be resolved within the department.

## NATIONAL SECURITY

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister which unfortunately I have asked him several times over a period of several months. Can he tell us when we may expect to have tabled in the house the report of the commission on security?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I don't know yet, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

## INDUSTRY

TEXTILES AND SHOES—REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

**Mr. Gérald Laniel (Beauharnois):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the applause is not for me personally, but for my sustained efforts.

I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

In view of the fruitful and sustained efforts of the federal government to protect the wheat trade in Canada, could the minister tell the house whether the cabinet or the Department of Finance are considering taking effective steps in the near future to protect particularly the Canadian textile industry, which employs 23 per cent of the Quebec manpower, and which is experiencing more and more difficulties?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** The Minister of Finance is responsible for short term policies in this field, and I think he will make the relevant statements in due course.