

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question concerning the Indian Act. Does the minister intend to bring in the bill before the Christmas recess in view of statements made by the minister and the statement that the group of revolting Indians would not be able to kick their way out of a paper bag? I do not agree with this. If the bill to amend the Indian Act were brought in we might be able to eliminate some of these problems.

Mr. Speaker: Since the hon. member has referred to the Christmas recess, I think the question might be placed on the order paper.

Mr. Langlois (Mégantic): Ten o'clock.

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Is it still the intention to have the committee visit the Indian reserves across the country?

Mr. Laing: That would be my hope. In addition I would hope that copies of the bill would be distributed to the Indian people for purposes of consultation and advice. I would hope that the committee would be reinstated so that it can continue its work which I believe is full of promise.

[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**REACTION BY PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT BY GENERAL DE GAULLE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister with regard to the visit to Quebec of the president of the French republic, General de Gaulle.

I should like to ask him how he can reconcile the fact that according to the statement he our Prime Minister himself, made during General de Gaulle's visit to Quebec, all the provinces are free while, at the same time, being shocked when General de Gaulle shouted "long live free Quebec".

Can the Prime Minister tell us how he was unable to see the inconsistency contained in that statement and does he intend to apologize to General de Gaulle for being discourteous with him?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Broadview—

Mr. Grégoire: Can the hon. Prime Minister answer the question?

Mr. Speaker: The question is not in order.

Mr. Grégoire: Perhaps an answer is impossible.

[Mr. Laing.]

[English]

HOUSING**TORONTO—COMPENSATION IN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the the Prime Minister in the absence of the Minister of Labour. Have the Minister of Labour and the officials of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation approved the formula of compensation devised by the city of Toronto and approved by the provincial authorities for home owners whose homes were expropriated in what is known as the Donmount urban renewal area in Toronto?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest that the question should be placed on the order paper.

UNITED NATIONS**CANADIAN POSITION AS TO ADMISSION OF RED CHINA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): Mr. Speaker, I hope I do not totally exhaust the Prime Minister on this opening day.

In light of the government's activity last fall at the session of the United Nations and the remarks of the Secretary of State for External Affairs last night, can the Prime Minister inform the house whether the government will again press this fall for the seating of mainland China at the United Nations and take some definite action in that regard?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, our policy in that regard has not changed. As the minister indicated last night—by the way, he is not here at the moment because he is on his way to New York—our policy has not changed and we think it is important to have the voice of mainland China at the United Nations as quickly as possible. This does not seem to be a very good moment to repeat the initiative we took last autumn, without success, but that does not mean our policy has changed.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**REPORTED EXCLUSION OF MINERS FROM MANPOWER RETRAINING PROGRAM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. W. Martin (Timmins): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the