

Inquiries of the Ministry
URBAN AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister without Portfolio responsible for housing, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Would the Prime Minister tell the House when the government intends to set up its urban council?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this council I believe was mentioned by the Minister without Portfolio but there is no decision as to the date of setting up such a council, if we do set it up. I am sure the minister, during the Throne Speech debate, may have occasion to state some further government steps.

[Translation]

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Would the Prime Minister tell us whether the government intends to create such an agency with regard to housing?

Mr. Trudeau: As I have just said, Mr. Speaker, I believe that, in the course of the debate on the Throne Speech, other measures will be presented to the House and it will be indicated at that time if there is need for what the hon. member suggests.

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON CANADIAN POLICY ON APARTHEID**

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I should like to ask him, in the light of representations made to him recently in the form of a black paper urging specific changes in Canadian policy to make it more consistent with Canada's official abhorrence of apartheid, whether he will make a statement in the House or perhaps before the Committee on External Affairs on this subject dealing with the representations made in this black paper?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, in the papers I tabled just before the adjournment the government set forth its policy with regard to apartheid and South Africa. There are some issues under discussion which have arisen

[Mr. Davis.]

since that time or which were under consideration at that time, for example, the extension of the arms embargo to spare parts. Apart from that, however, I do not think it would be necessary for me to make any further statement on this matter.

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of National Defence and to congratulate him on the little role he now plays. In view of the fact that he made a statement or speech criticizing the corporate attitude with respect to racial interests in the Caribbean, I wonder whether the minister would now tell the House when he will make a statement with respect to the government's attitude regarding South Africa?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): I do not really follow the hon. member's question. If he would like to speak to me later and make himself clear, I will be glad to answer his question.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**TORONTO—ACTION TO REMOVE DELAY IN RECEIVING BENEFITS**

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): I should like to direct a question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour. Would he or the minister inform the House as soon as possible as to whether they are aware that several hundred laid-off employees of Massey-Ferguson and other factories in Toronto are experiencing hardship caused by delays of six to eight weeks or even longer in receiving their unemployment insurance benefits, and has any action been taken to solve this pressing problem?

Mr. McGrath: That is only the first shot.

Mr. Ray Perrault (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): I thank the hon. member for his question. I am sure that the minister will appreciate being made aware of this important and serious difficulty and that he will make sure the matter is properly investigated.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

NATIONAL DEFENCE**FUTURE ROLE FOR CF-5 AIRCRAFT—ADHERENCE TO TENDER PRICE**

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): My question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. I would like to compliment him on