

Expo, which usually hires some 2,000 students in the Montreal area?

[Translation]

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question of the right hon. Prime Minister.

I should like to ask him what kind of assistance the government is considering to give to the city of Montreal to help them offset the high rate of unemployment which is plaguing Montreal, as well as the other Quebec regions.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I do not have anything to add to the Minister of Finance's statement, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Valade: Would the right hon. Prime Minister accept to grant direct subsidies to Man and his World, in order to fight unemployment?

Mr. Trudeau: I should like to know if the government of Quebec and the member of the opposition agree that it would be a good use of the spending power and if so, under what conditions we should use it?

Mr. Valade: May I ask the right hon. Prime Minister a further supplementary question?

Since he refuses to give assistance to alleviate unemployment, would the Prime Minister—

Mr. Trudeau: That is not what I said, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Valade: Would he say what kind of assistance is intended for Quebec?

[English]

HOUSING

IMPLEMENTATION OF TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. David Lewis (York South): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport in his capacity as minister in charge of housing and ask him whether he can now inform the house more accurately when we may expect the bill emanating from the report he tabled a couple of weeks ago.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): I cannot say precisely when the bill will be ready, but so far everything is right on schedule and I anticipate no undue delay.

Mr. Lewis: It is difficult for hon. members to know whether the Minister is right on

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schedule or not. Will the Minister tell us exactly what the schedule is?

Mr. Hellyer: As has already been indicated, I am in process of preparing recommendations to the cabinet on this subject, which I hope will be dealt with shortly. As soon as the cabinet has had an opportunity to consider them, a bill will be prepared as expeditiously as a bill can be prepared.

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Inasmuch as it has been suggested that this house deals only with wheat, fish and corn, and in order to create some doubts about that proposition, may I ask when the minister will be prepared to make a statement as to the intentions of the government with regard to urban renewal schemes which have already been started? I ask this question, Mr. Speaker, because many municipalities are living in day-to-day fear about what may happen in the light of the ambiguity of recent reported statements.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Hellyer: This is a very good question, Mr. Speaker. The government will be considering its policy with respect to urban renewal at the same time as it is considering amendments to the act. An announcement will be made as soon as we have had the opportunity of reviewing our policy.

Mr. Alexander: A supplementary question, or perhaps it is a related one: In view of the fact that we have held our first national urban transportation conference, and since I know that the government will soon be making a statement on urban renewal, I am wondering whether at the same time it will consider making a statement as to the role it intends to play, or perhaps should play, in the matter of urban transportation.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, I think this statement has already been made, so far as the present is concerned.

PRIORITY FOR LOW INCOME GROUPS

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that the cost of living was up again last month, and that this increase falls most heavily upon the low income groups, can the minister assure the house that in this new legislation priority will be given to housing for the low income groups?