Inquiries of the Ministry CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

RETIRED EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS—ACTION TO IMPLEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR INCREASE

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport which is supplementary to a question and answer of last Friday. In view of the fact that Canadian National Railways has refused to consider any negotiations on pension matters with the result that the question is not now on the bargaining table, would he like to revise his answer of last Friday and assure the House that the government will urge the CNR to implement the recommendation agreed to unanimously by this House which called for increases in the pensions of retired CNR employees?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman's intelligence service is a lot faster than mine. I have not been advised personally that this has occurred, but I shall be glad to look into it to see what the situation is now and advise my hon. friend later.

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Labour. In order to avoid labour strife in the railway movement I wonder whether the Minister of Labour might not lend a hand to the Minister of Transport in order to bring the CNR to its senses in regard—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Skoberg: I have a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has asked his supplementary question. He cannot ask a further supplementary. The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege-

Mr. Speaker: I apologize to the Leader of the Opposition but I believe the hon. member for Moose Jaw is rising on a question of privilege.

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate being finally recognized after three weeks. At the same time I am wondering whether, in view of the fact Your Honour has allowed other hon. members on a number of occasions to rephrase their questions, I may be given the same consideration?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

POWER

PROPOSED FLOODING OF SKAGIT RIVER VALLEY—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry whether he is now in a position to indicate to the House the position his government is taking with regard to the possible flooding of the Skagit

Valley and, if not, will he assure the House that he will make a statement in the House before we recess for Christmas?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, I have made a certain recommendation to the government and action is being taken on it at the present time. I doubt, however, whether it will be possible to make a statement to the House before the recess.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Jack Cullen (Sarnia-Lambton): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the Leader of the Opposition, the Prime Minister's Parliamentary Secretary and at least one member of the cabinet find it necessary to moonlight at the National Arts Centre's Nutcracker Suite ballet, will he give consideration to the early implementation of some of the recommendations of the Beaupré Commission report?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as far as the government is concerned we hand this problem back to the Members of Parliament, and as far as I am concerned they can go and jump in the "Swan Lake".

Some hon. Members: Oh. oh!

NATIONAL SECURITY

IDENTITY OF QUEBEC TERRORISTS TRAINING IN PALESTINE

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, if I can get government members out of Le Lac des Cygnes for a moment I should like to pose a question to the Acting Solicitor General. Can he tell the House whether the RCMP have established the identity of the two Quebec terrorists who have been training with the Feydayins in Palestine?

Hon. John N. Turner (Acting Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I should like to congratulate the hon. member for the very civilized way in which he put his question. It has already been publicly reported that two self-proclaimed Quebec terrorists have been undergoing commando or guerrilla training by an underground military organization in the Middle East. To the best of my knowledge these people call themselves Selim—S-e-l-i-m—or Salim—S-a-l-i-m.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nesbitt: Now that the minister has been able to obtain some information from the RCMP in this regard, can he tell the House whether he has any indication of any other countries, other than those in the Middle East, in which terrorists have been trained?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I do not think it would be in the public interest to speculate any further at this moment on this matter.

[Mr. Jamieson.]