

[English]

SALE OF TORONTO "TELEGRAM" ASSETS—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE TAX EVASION.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): While waiting for this minister to inform us, perhaps tomorrow, may I ask the Minister of National Revenue whether he can inform the House whether he has ordered an inquiry or investigation into the manner in which the Toronto *Telegram* sold a part of its assets and the manner in which it has arranged for the future sale of other parts of its assets, to make certain that this scheme is not one which is deliberately intended to evade tax liability which would otherwise arise in the recapture of write-offs for depreciation and similar write-offs?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, under the terms of the law passed by this Parliament matters of the sort referred to by the hon. member are confidential. I can assure him that the department will be carrying out its responsibilities.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL SECURITY

VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION—INTRODUCTION OF ANTI-WRECKERS LAW—POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Yesterday during his visit in Quebec City, the Prime Minister mentioned an anti-wreckers legislation and stated to his listeners that the federal government was drafting one. Is the Prime Minister ready to tell us when the government plans to present such a bill in Parliament?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I am afraid, Mr. Speaker, that the member has been wrongly informed. I did not refer to the legislation, but on two occasions, I think, once during a press conference and another time at the CEGEP, the matter of anti-wreckers legislation has been brought up by one of my questioners. This is what I said and what the House already knew: As a result of the expiry of the exceptional legislation last December, we have presented a resolution suggesting that the House should deal with the matter, saying that we would be pleased to know the views of members of the other parties regarding the importance of such a law.

I repeated what we had then said in the House, namely that I thought there was a loophole in the present laws when it comes to facing certain violent and anarchic situations.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member for Témiscamingue wish to put a supplementary question?

Mr. Caouette: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

I appreciate the Prime Minister's answer, but I should like to know, since this is a criminal matter which is under federal jurisdiction, whether the organizers, that is fellows like Chartrand, Laberge and others, would definitely be considered as organizers of "wreckers" demonstrations, such as the ones that we have experienced—

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Mr. Speaker: I do not feel that the question, as put, is in order. Unless the hon. member is prepared to change the wording, he will appreciate that it is impossible for the Chair to let him put his question.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I shall rephrase it.

Would such a legislation be directed against the organizers of "wreckers" demonstrations?

Mr. Speaker: There again I believe that the question, as put, is hypothetical.

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[English]

PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION

STUDY OF INFLATION—INQUIRY AS TO PUBLICATION

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. On January 18 last the chairman of the Prices and Incomes Commission promised to carry out a series of research studies into the question of inflation and to make public the results before the end of the year. Have these studies been completed and when may we expect the results to be made public?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I know that that commitment has been fulfilled by the commission and that a great deal of research work is underway, but I shall have to inquire of the chairman exactly when he expects publication of this work.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

ALLEGED INTENTION OF GOVERNMENT TO REMOVE "ROYAL" FROM NAME—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, in order to allay the fears and the anxieties of members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he is prepared to give his assurance that the government has no plans at the moment nor does not intend to remove the "Royal" from the designation "Royal Canadian Mounted Police".

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): That is the first I have heard of this suggestion, Mr. Speaker, but I will be prepared to take it under consideration.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, petulance is no answer, even for the Prime Minister. The same kind of frivolous answer was given when I asked last year whether the Queen's Printer was going to be abolished, and the change took place during my absence.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I was absent because of illness.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the right hon. gentleman would ask his supplementary question.