

Inquiries of the Ministry

justification of the removal of the two gentlemen mentioned as hosts of the program "Seven Days".

Mr. Diefenbaker: I used the wrong expression when I said "promoters".

Miss LaMarsh: It is my understanding that in the drawing up of the phraseology of the instructions it was left sufficiently fluid that Mr. Keate would be able to look into all the circumstances of the controversy that obtains at the present time in the narrow sense of the program in question, and in the wider sense of the lower part of the iceberg.

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal): Mr. Speaker, this is a very important question, and I hope the hon. lady can assure us that Mr. Keate is not being inhibited in his investigation by any ex cathedra statements by the president of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Miss LaMarsh: He is one of the most uninhibited people I know.

[Later:]

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question which I wanted to ask the Secretary of State. Having in mind the current C.B.C. troubles, I wanted to ask the hon. lady if she will do what she can to expedite the tabling of the government white paper on broadcasting, so that we do not become too involved in patching up something which may be facing a basic change.

Miss LaMarsh: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

HOUSING**HULL, QUE.—REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN C.M.H.C. POLICY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Finance.

In view of the most precarious position in which the credit restrictions imposed by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation leave the residential builders of the Hull area, is the government or the Minister of Finance contemplating a change in this policy which is harmful to the development of the Hull area?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question the hon. member is asking is of a general nature. I do not believe it is acceptable.

[Mr. Lewis.]

Mr. Caouette: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, but my question pertains to a specific area, namely the Hull area. Has the minister received complaints from the builders association on the credit restriction policy laid down by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question is, on the whole, the same as was asked before and I do not think he is adding anything to the question to which reply was made by one of the ministers.

Mr. Caouette: On a point or order. I shall change the nature of my question.

I ask the minister whether he is currently considering the possibility of giving the municipalities of the Hull area and other areas the same credit facilities as those the government is getting ready to grant to countries outside Canada by lending them money without interest.

[English]

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON SHORTAGE OF MORTGAGE MONEY

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, all of us know that the number of telegrams we are receiving in connection with C.M.H.C. lending has been increasing. Indeed, one telegram after another speaks of the shambles in connection with house building, and this delay has added to it. Is the minister now in a position to give the answer which the Prime Minister said would be given, as I recall, last Friday? That was the original statement. What is the position the government intends to take in this matter?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, reference to *Hansard* will show that when this matter was last raised in the house the Prime Minister stated that the government's position would be made known tomorrow, Tuesday. It will be made known on motions tomorrow.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**CONSULTATIONS RESPECTING U.S. "FOOD FOR FREEDOM" CAMPAIGN**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture and refers to a statement made by the President of the United