

Inquiries of the Ministry

perhaps this kind of question should normally be placed on the order paper. In any event, the question has been asked and the minister should be allowed to reply.

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to answer that question because I seldom have the opportunity to answer questions from government members.

We should be very happy to develop a few national parks in Ontario because there is a need for them. However, in order to do so, we must obtain the co-operation of the Ontario government which, to my mind, is a little slow in coming.

[English]

Mr. Foster: Mr. Speaker, in view of the minister's reply, will he assure the House that the government will take its responsibility to the people of Ontario seriously and go ahead with the establishment of parks with or without the co-operation of the provincial government?

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, when the minister is reviewing the parks in Ontario will he consider the Trent Canal area as a national park?

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[Translation]

YOUTH**INVITATION TO SEND DELEGATES TO COUNCIL OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I want to direct a question to the Secretary of State.

Can he now answer to the question I put to him on Monday about the Youth Conference? Could he also tell us whether the government will contribute to this conference the way it did to the Conference on Poverty in Toronto the other day?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Upon inquiry, Mr. Speaker, after the hon. member asked me this question for the first time, we did not receive any invitation from the organization he named and this would have been the normal way to know of its existence. We have received no invitation.

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[English]

NORTHERN AFFAIRS**INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF NORTHWEST TERRITORIES LAND USE REGULATIONS**

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. When will the land use regulations for the Northwest Territories be tabled in the House?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, we shall be able to

[Mr. Speaker.]

table these regulations once we have had consultations with the representatives of both governments elected during the fall, and I hope that the meetings with the members of the Council of the Northwest Territories will take place in the next few weeks.

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[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**KIND OF CONTROLS RECOMMENDED BY MINISTER OF LABOUR**

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, will the Minister of Labour make clear to the House just what kind of economic controls he is recommending to the government, as there seem to be differing stories?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Again, this is a general question and I doubt whether the minister should be allowed to make a statement of a very general nature. Perhaps the hon. member would like to rephrase the question in order to obtain the information in another way.

Mr. Ryan: There have been differing stories, Mr. Speaker, and I think the minister should be given the opportunity to clear up the situation.

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I thank the very courteous hon. gentleman for giving me an opportunity to correct an implication he unintentionally left the other day during the question period. He suggested then that I had recommended wage and price controls. What I did say, as reported in *Hansard* is that I recommended selective controls.

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CRIMINAL CODE**UNITED CHURCH RECOMMENDATION OF REMOVAL OF ABORTION PROVISIONS**

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Justice. In view of the appeal to the government by the general council of the United Church of Canada for the removal from the Criminal Code of all sections pertaining to abortion, will the minister say whether we can expect such legislation during this session?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I certainly have noted the reports of the resolution of the United Church of Canada. This will provide an additional subject for debate when the House devotes some time to that subject later this session.

Mr. Nystrom: Can the Minister of Justice or the Prime Minister inform the House when we can expect that special one-day debate as promised in the throne speech?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to consult with the House Leader in that regard.