

Affairs regarding the consultations today between the Prime Minister and the Secretary General of the United Nations. Have these conversations anything to do with the situation in Viet Nam or are they to be confined to the Rhodesian problem?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister had made arrangements to see the Secretary General of the United Nations, and while I have every reason to believe these two matters will be discussed I think the main purpose had to do with problems in the United Nations itself.

### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

#### FRAUDULENT BANKRUPTCIES—REQUEST FOR NAMES OF THOSE INVOLVED

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert Stanbury (York-Scarborough):** Mr. Speaker, has the Minister of Justice received from the hon. member for Yukon the names of those federal officials who, according to the hon. member as reported in today's *Globe and Mail*, are involved in fraudulent bankruptcies?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest that question should be placed on the order paper or discussed at ten o'clock.

**Mr. Stanbury:** I suggest the question is of the utmost urgency, because if there are such individuals they ought to be investigated.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member can always discuss it on the adjournment debate.

### RURAL DEVELOPMENT

#### PROVISION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL AREAS

The house resumed, from Tuesday, May 10, consideration of the motion of Mr. Sauvé for the second reading of Bill No. C-151, to provide for the establishment of a fund for the economic and social development of special rural development areas.

[Translation]

**Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot):** Mr. Speaker, consideration of Bill C-151 gives me the opportunity to say a few words regarding this legislation to provide for the establishment of a fund for the economic and social development of special rural development areas.

### Rural Development

We will remember that this legislation deals with ARDA and that ARDA legislation was initiated by the Conservatives. It is the hon. member for Qu'Appelle (Mr. Hamilton) who made a name for himself across Canada by introducing this ARDA legislation which was passed on June 21, 1961. Ever since, this legislation has been known in every part of the country for its many benefits and the hopes it gave our farmers.

No need to read very carefully the speeches made when this legislation was introduced to realize quickly that those who today advocate it, who proclaim from the housetops that this legislation is going to meet the aspirations of our farmers, were the very same to censure and ridicule it. According to them, at the time, that legislation could not bring any practical results.

It is amusing to see that today they will try their best to implement legislation that the Conservative party is entitled to claim as its own.

This legislation, Mr. Speaker, will certainly meet the approval of everyone in the House of Commons and particularly of the political supporters of the Conservative party. The needs of our rural economy are urgent and numerous.

• (4:10 p.m.)

It was appropriate that the Minister of Forestry should decide to give our farmers all the attention they deserve.

However, Mr. Speaker, the Canadian farmer is not concerned with the creation of various committees which might consider all the fields of our farming economy. Our farmers are hoping for constructive measures. Through the implementation of Bill C-151 we will certainly have done something constructive for the improvement of our rural economy in a more or less distant future.

This bill provides for an expenditure of \$50 million. However, I doubt that this amount distributed among ten provinces, will be adequate to solve this serious problem faced by our rural economy. I think that we should provide an even greater amount to foster this cause, since it is a cause upon which our rural economy is based and which plays such a significant part in the overall economy of our country.

There is another aspect which it might be wise to study specifically: that of jurisdiction in so far as the federal and provincial governments are concerned respectively. It seems the provinces are given a little too much