

er who was recently found dead, probably due to foul play, is also a girl and a citizen of this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I see that the Prime Minister wants to get into the act. If he wants to tell the House the formula—

Mr. Trudeau: Are you linking the two? Are you making an accusation?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member was given the floor for a supplementary. Perhaps he might ask it now.

Mr. Woolliams: I should like to put the question again. Under what formula and what rule of law—I am not asking a question of law, I am asking a question of fact—was this man given temporary release and was his release signed properly by anyone in the proper office or was it a forged release?

[Translation]

Mr. Goyer: Mr. Speaker, this great lawyer from western Canada should know that one does not make reflections which can cause people to bear judgment on a man's actions before this man appears before the courts. This is the law of this country, and this great lawyer should respect it.

[English]

Mr. Ricard: Don't be so smart. Give an answer.

Mr. MacInnis: You are breaking the rules here. You can't even live up to the rules of the House.

Mr. Woolliams: I should like to ask one further question, Mr. Speaker. I do not mind the insinuations or insults. I am seeking information on a serious matter. There are certain rules and laws laid down in the Criminal Code and the Penitentiary Act in reference to temporary release. I am asking the Solicitor General—if he does not care to answer that is his prerogative and I appreciate that—on what grounds was this man released? What were the grounds?

Mr. Diefenbaker: This fine citizen!

[Translation]

Mr. Goyer: Mr. Speaker, this citizen has been granted temporary release for the third time and we have no evidence to date that he has not behaved properly; on the contrary, all evidence goes to show that he has behaved very well. In the past, over a period of four years, we have granted temporary release on 133 occasions to 25 of these inmates convicted for sexual offenses and we have had not one serious case to deplore.

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[English]

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, may I ask one more supplementary question?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member might ask a supplementary and then we might go to the next subject.

Mr. Woolliams: Would the minister make a full statement on motions in reference to the granting of the temporary release, indicating whether there was any supervision after the man was released and also setting out the rules, the law and the grounds by virtue of which this person was released in those circumstances?

[Translation]

Mr. Goyer: Mr. Speaker, I do not see any reason why I should comment on the private life of an individual at this time. If circumstances warrant it, I will do so then.

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[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE

POSITION OF DISCUSSIONS RESPECTING ESCALATION OF PENSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FULL COST OF LIVING INCREASE

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the President of the Treasury Board. On May 9, in response to a question of mine, the minister referred to the possibility of consultations being held with the representatives of the public service employees with respect to the escalating of the pensions of retired public servants in accordance with the full increase in the cost of living. Can the President of the Treasury Board say whether those consultations are taking place and, if so, how they are progressing?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, there was some discussion about the particular form these discussions should take. I think it has now been agreed what the appropriate form should be and they are now in progress.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

WHEREABOUTS OF VESSEL, "GREENPEACE III"

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs or to the parliamentary secretary. Has the government any information on the present whereabouts of the Canadian-owned and Canadian-skippered ship, *Greenpeace III*? Also, has the government of France been asked for any information on the location of this vessel and the well-being of its crew?

Mr. Paul St. Pierre (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the government does not know the exact location of *Greenpeace III* at this time. If I may respond to the second part of the hon. member's question, the government of France has, we understand, publicly stated that it will not permit the occupants of *Greenpeace III* to place themselves in a position of danger.