

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker. Almost the last words I had with the Prime Minister before he left on his aircraft last night were confirmation that he intended to do so.

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MANPOWER

DEPARTMENTAL ADVERTISING OF JOBS AVAILABLE IN FRUIT PICKING AND MINING

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Has his department been conducting any advertising campaigns indicating the availability of jobs in the fruit picking industry and in the mines?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will have to look into the question of exactly what advertisements are used in regard to each of these. In a general way, of course, we bring to the attention of potential workers openings which generally exist in mines and specific agricultural opportunities. I am not sure of the openings existing at the moment beyond the ones in our own offices.

Mr. Saltsman: While the minister is checking into that matter, would he also look into the statement by the Prime Minister that Canadians do not want to do this work?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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YOUTH

OVERSEAS STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM—APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND APPROVED

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration a question regarding the overseas student exchange program announced some time ago. Approximately how many applications have been received from students and how many have been approved?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, again I should like to get up to date figures for the Leader of the Opposition. In a general way the program has been oversubscribed for most countries, but I would have to ascertain up to the moment how many students have been accepted by host countries.

Mr. Stanfield: When the minister gives that information the next time he is in the House, will he also advise the House whether the program will get off on schedule and whether there have been any changes in its administration?

Inquiries of the Ministry

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

FORECAST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR 1971

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the statement made on Thursday by the Minister of Finance that the government is going to achieve a rate of real growth for 1971 of between 5 and 5.5 per cent, can the Acting Prime Minister tell the House specifically what unemployment rate the government anticipates for the same period, 1971?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance has indicated that he expects there will be a decline in the rate of seasonal unemployment throughout the year—

Mr. Hees: He has been saying that for months.

Mr. Sharp: —as a result of a steadily expanding economy.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the government House leader. In order that Parliament as well as the government may have direct access to the views of the hon. members for Trinity and Duvernay by means other than the news media, can the House leader tell us whether he will be appointing those two hon. members to any standing committees of the House and, if so, to what standing committees?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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PROPOSED MORAN HYDROELECTRIC DAM ON FRASER RIVER—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. It concerns the proposal to build a hydro—the Moran Dam—on the Fraser River. Has the government taken any position regarding this mooted dam? If so, what is the position of the government?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Because this very large dam would be built on an important salmon river which is also navigable, I am sure the federal government would be concerned about its construction.

Mr. Rose: Can the minister tell us whether he or his department has entered into discussions with the government of British Columbia concerning this matter?

Mr. Davis: We have appointed several of our officials who are knowledgeable in these matters to work with the British Columbia Energy Board on studies involving the development of all of the Fraser River system, including dams at various sites, such as the Moran Dam.