

Prime Minister indicate the type of specific program he is planning to introduce which will improve Canadian and West Indies trade, and when we may expect legislation to be introduced which will foster more fruitful relations with the Caribbean?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. This question is of very general nature and I do not think it can be asked in this way at this time.

[*Later:*]

**Mr. Crouse:** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a further question to the Prime Minister. Will the Prime Minister confirm that a July top level meeting will be held between Canada and the West Indies governments? If so, when and where will such meetings be held, and what countries in the West Indies will be invited to participate?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, a meeting is to be held in the first week of July. I hope that as soon as the agenda is finally determined as a result of consultation among all the governments concerned, I shall be able to make a statement in the house regarding the conference and the agenda.

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In order to strengthen this meeting, will the Prime Minister not say that this is to be a serious meeting, and one that will not result in the criticisms made in Halifax regarding the meeting attended by the trade and commerce—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This question is argumentative.

**Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** I just wanted to point out, Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

#### HIDES—REQUEST FOR EXPORT CONTROL

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of the already high prices of shoes and the predicted further increases in the prices of those articles to Canadian consumers, has the minister given any thought to the control of the export of hides?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This question should be placed on the order paper.

#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

#### NATIONAL DEFENCE

##### QUEBEC—R.O.T.P. SERVICE BY STUDENT PRESIDENT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. I want to ask the minister why the R.O.T.P. program is so inflexible that it cannot adapt itself to the fact that one of its officers has been elected president of U.G.E.Q. but has been told that he cannot complete his term of office.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. This question is argumentative.

**Mr. Fairweather:** Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

#### EDUCATION

##### REPORTED ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE FOR FEDERAL AID

On the orders of the day:

**Mrs. Jean Wadds (Grenville-Dundas):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. As one who has always stressed the need for more planned and organized federal assistance to education, I would ask the minister whether the announcement in Saturday's *Ottawa Citizen* is correct, that without fanfare a federal office for aid to education has been formed; and what is meant by "thus making facilities and people available when programs require them?"

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I am sure the hon. member will recognize that she cannot ask whether a press report is correct. Certainly this matter is of very general nature, and the question cannot be asked now.

[*Later:*]

**Mr. S. J. Enns (Portage-Neepawa):** A question for the Secretary of State relating to education, and supplementary to that asked by the hon. member for Grenville-Dundas. Has a federal bureau of investigation been established and, if so, how is it staffed?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** If there is a federal bureau of investigation the Secretary of State has nothing to do with it.

**Mr. Enns:** I inadvertently used the word "investigation" instead of "education" when I addressed my question to the Secretary of State. My question should have been simply, is there a federal office of education and, if so, how is it staffed?