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**INCOME TAX****OPPOSITION OF CO-OPERATIVES TO PROVISIONS OF BILL—SUGGESTED MEETING OF PRIME MINISTER AND REPRESENTATIVES**

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** My question is for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In light of the information that leaders of the co-operative movement in Canada at their recent meeting with the Minister of Finance voiced strong opposition to Bill C-259 as it will affect co-operatives and in view of the fact that they apparently did not meet with too much success, would the Prime Minister be prepared to meet with representatives of the Co-operative Union of Canada and Le Conseil Canadien de la Co-opération to discuss the matter further?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I would first have to seek a report on the meeting from the Minister of Finance, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Muir:** I wonder whether the right hon. gentleman is really aware of the disastrous effects that the passage of the bill as it now reads will have on co-operatives and their future activities in this country?

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**PENITENTIARIES****MILLHAVEN—PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** I should like to direct a question to the Solicitor General. In light of the situation at Millhaven where there is a virtual lack of recreational opportunities and work opportunities in the shop structure, would the minister look into the situation to see whether the frustration and anger developing among inmates because of these deficiencies can be dealt with?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I had the opportunity of visiting Millhaven this summer and while I noted that certain improvements were required, the institution in general is starting to operate in fairly normal fashion. We hope that the institution will be completely back to normal in the near future.

[*English*]

**MILLHAVEN—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF DIRECTIVE CONCERNING INMATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** May I pose a supplementary question to the Solicitor General. Would he be prepared to table in the House so that everyone can see it the directive issued to inmates of Millhaven with respect to inmate correspondence, which seems to countervail what the minister said earlier about correspondence by inmates?

[Mr. Drury.]

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General):** I certainly do not accept this allegation, Mr. Speaker, but I will inquire and should the instructions not be in accordance with the directive given, we will certainly have the situation corrected.

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[*English*]

**NATIONAL PARKS****EFFECT OF AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR USE OF SUFFIELD MILITARY BASE ON PLANS FOR PARK**

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. It arises from the long-term agreement between the government of Canada and the British government with respect to the use of the Suffield military base in Alberta for the purpose of training British troops. Does this mean that the government of Canada and particularly the minister's department have abandoned the long-term plans for the use of this area along with a similar area across the border in Saskatchewan as a typical prairie grassland national park?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of this particular problem. I shall inquire and report to the House tomorrow.

[*English*]

**Mr. Dinsdale:** While the minister is investigating this matter, in view of the area's ecological importance and fame as the land "where the deer and the antelope play" would he consider the possibility of using the large area available at the Shilo Canadian Armed Forces Base?

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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE****KILLING OF CHIEF ED BIRD IN NORTHWEST TERRITORIES BY MEMBER OF FORCE—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** I have a question for the Solicitor General, Mr. Speaker. I should like to ask the minister what action the government has taken or will be taking with respect to the killing of Chief Ed Bird in the Northwest Territories by a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, in my view, that question should be directed to the Solicitor General who, in the circumstances, is the responsible minister. However, I believe the coroner's inquest is underway, and I feel that it would not be advisable for me to comment on the matter at this time.

[*English*]

**Mr. Nielsen:** In view of the fact that the inquest has been completed, is it the intention of the government to