

Inquiries of the Ministry

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I cannot answer that, Mr. Speaker.

[Later:]

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Prime Minister indicate to the House whether his inability to answer my question results from not knowing or whether—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE**DEATH OF MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES ON GUARD DUTY IN OTTAWA**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of National Defence may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Will there be an investigation into the unfortunate death yesterday of a member of the armed forces while he was on guard duty in Ottawa, and can the Prime Minister say whether the government will make sure that any survivor's benefits that are available will be put into effect?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am informed that the Minister of National Defence has asked that a board of inquiry be set up to look into this matter.

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GRAIN**WHEAT—NUMBER OF ACRES TO BE SEEDED IN 1971—LIFT PROGRAM**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture having to do with the estimate he has been making recently as to the number of acres of wheat which should be seeded in 1971. Would he say what that estimate is and also whether, having regard to that estimate, he has concluded that the reasons for setting up the Lift program have not been justified by events and demands for wheat from all over the world?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker, I would not agree with that conclusion. Canada will have at the end of this crop year sufficient quantities, notwithstanding the 50 per cent reduction under the Lift program, to meet all anticipated demands for Canadian wheat. What I and my colleague the Minister of Manpower and Immigration responsible for the Wheat Board have said is that it would appear at this time that up to about 20 million acres of wheat in 1971 would be appropriate.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Then may I ask the minister whether the estimate given by a prominent member of the grain trade and economist that on the basis of world demands almost 30 million acres will be required is not correct?

[Mr. MacDonald (Egmont).]

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, if world demand appears to increase sufficiently between now and planting time in 1971, of course that will be taken into account in our information to farmers.

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MANPOWER**NEWS RELEASE INDICATING SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR CANADIAN STUDENTS IN GERMANY IN 1971**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration whether he has now looked into the matter I brought to his attention the other day about opportunities for summer employment for our students in West Germany and, if so, with what result?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the department has been looking into the source of the proposal and of the news release. It has no connection whatever with the department and so far it has not been related to the generally well known student organizations. Of course, the department at the same time is interested in the pursuit of exchange programs of a different scale and a different sort. Therefore I do not have complete information yet for the hon. member.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**NORTHEASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK—RENEGOTIATION OF FRED AGREEMENT**

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Can he say whether the government has under reconsideration the renegotiation of the FRED agreement in northeastern New Brunswick?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Bell: May I ask the minister if he can say whether there will be favourable word on this in the near future, say by election day, Monday, October 26?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question as asked has too much of an election flavour and as such is not acceptable.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**NATIONAL SECURITY****APPREHENDED INSURRECTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43 TO APPROVE ACTION OF GOVERNMENT IN INVOKING WAR MEASURES ACT**

The House resumed, from Friday, October 16, consideration of the motion of Mr. Trudeau: