

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):

We have received representations from the organization named and from many other organizations respecting filled milk and modified milk. There have been some meetings and there will be further meetings between the federal and provincial authorities involved in the matter. I am sure the hon. lady realizes that the prohibition or sale of some of these products lies exclusively within provincial jurisdiction.

Mrs. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister whether he would be willing to make a statement on this matter before the house rises?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, I would be willing to make a statement at any time when there is an agreement between both levels of government concerning the approach to this matter. As soon as that agreement has been reached, and I hope it will be soon, I would be willing to make a statement on motions, but I cannot give an undertaking at this time that it will be done before the house rises later this month.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

"DON MESSER'S JUBILEE"—REQUEST FOR PROGRAM REINSTATEMENT

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for Canada. Did he have an opportunity to hear and see the attractive and very entertaining opening concert of the Don Messer's Jubilee farewell tour at the Capital Theatre on Sunday, June 8 and, if so, will he use his good offices to urge upon the officials of the C.B.C. the desirability of reinstating on the national television network as soon as possible this outstanding group of talented Canadian musicians and performers.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Prime Minister. Due to the fact that four ministers are not here today, on a day they should be here to carry out their responsibilities, will the Prime Minister arrange that this matter be placed on the agenda of the Liberal caucus think-in to be held this month.

[Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway).]

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

VANCOUVER—DISSATISFACTION OF LETTER CARRIERS WITH FIVE DAY DELIVERY

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, this question is addressed to the Postmaster General. In the light of further spontaneous sit-downs by letter carriers, this time in Vancouver at Station "D" and in west Vancouver, can the minister advise what is being done to mitigate the obvious dissatisfaction of the letter carriers with the five day delivery procedures.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest the hon. member is merely repeating a question he has already asked on a number of occasions, including last week.

Mr. Macquarrie: The strike has been repeated, sir.

ZONING IN METROPOLITAN AREAS—NATIONAL CODE

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, is it possible to ask a supplementary to a disallowed question?

Mr. Speaker: Hardly; but the hon. member may ask a related question.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, my question is related. I should like to ask the Postmaster General whether he intends to clarify government policy regarding the zoning of major metropolitan areas in Canada, to eliminate the present confusion in large corporations which depend upon their mail.

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, there is no need whatsoever for any confusion. What has happened is simply that the zones which presently exist shall remain. We expect and hope that all business firms will use them. In the meantime, as part of an interim study made by one of the task forces, we find there is a possibility of having a national code for all Canada, which would make it much more feasible for us to automate the entire post office.

Therefore in order to judge the feasibility and economics of a national code, while we are making a judgment we have preferred not to continue with additional zoning in other municipalities such as Vancouver, because this would then—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.