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of stimulating the economy and counteracting rising unemployment in that country, is the government giving consideration to the possibility of adopting a similar plan in this country to accomplish the same end?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am sure my hon. friend would agree that our policies ought to be our own and that we should not attempt to imitate any other country.

Mr. Hees: Does the Acting Prime Minister believe that what the government has put forward as a plan to counteract rising unemployment will have any better success than the calamitous failures it has put forward in the last few years which allowed unemployment to rise?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**ACTION TO ALLEVIATE SHORTAGE OF JUDGES—INQUIRY INTO INCREASE IN CRIME**

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, speaking of calamitous failures, may I refer one to the Acting Prime Minister. I had intended to ask a question of the Minister of Justice yesterday but because of his absence then and today I shall direct it to the Acting Prime Minister. Having in mind the statement by the Chief Justice of Ontario concerning the grave shortage of judges and the alarming increase in criminal offences, is the government giving consideration to discussing with representatives of the province of Ontario and the other provinces the matter of increasing the judiciary and taking steps to meet this particularly difficult problem?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): I will take the representations of the hon. gentleman into account.

Mr. Baldwin: Would the Acting Prime Minister also consider the very alarming and serious increase in crime which is taking place and, together with his colleagues, give consideration to the appointment of either a parliamentary committee or the reference of the matter to a commission in concert with the provinces? I ask this question having in mind the responsibility of the government for social unrest arising out of the increasing unemployment.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is entitled to ask a question but he is not entitled to indicate why he is asking it.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**PRESENCE OF SOVIET NAVAL VESSELS IN INDIAN OCEAN**

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the visit of the

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present Prime Minister to India, does the government support the thesis of the Indian government that Soviet naval vessels are preferable to a western presence in the Indian Ocean?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt that the question as asked is in order.

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AIR CANADA**MOVING OF OTTAWA TELEPHONE RESERVATION SERVICE TO MONTREAL—GENERAL POLICY**

Mr. David Lewis (York South): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. On Friday, December 18, I asked him whether he would be prepared to undertake to make a statement on motions to the House after the recess informing hon. members why Air Canada has decided to move customer reservations telephone services from Ottawa to Montreal, whether he was consulted, and all other details that may be useful.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I thank the hon. member for recalling this matter to me. This is my first day in the House since the recess. I will re-examine the matter and try to get the answer as quickly as possible.

Mr. Lewis: I imagine that the minister will have to take my next question as notice as well, but when he does inquire into the matter would he find out whether this move by Air Canada is an isolated one affecting only Ottawa or is part of a planned intention to phase out these customer reservation services in a number of locations in Canada?

Mr. Jamieson: Yes, I will be glad to do that.

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): When the minister is looking into this matter, will he also request Air Canada to allow the Air Transport Employees Association to see the feasibility study on which Air Canada is basing the justification for this move?

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AIR TRANSPORT**CHARTER SERVICES—WARDAIR—CTC RULING ON HOLDING OF CUSTOMERS' MONEY IN TRUST**

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): My question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Can we expect a statement from him with regard to the unsettled situation of charter air services, particularly in the case of the Edmonton based firm, Wardair, which has had its wrists slapped by the Canadian Transport Commission with regard to moneys invested by customers for charter services?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I will be more than pleased to enlighten the House to the maximum extent that I can. As the hon. member is aware, the ruling by the CTC is subject to appeal either