

## BROADCASTING

### INQUIRY AS TO RESERVATION OF THIRD TELEVISION CHANNEL IN VICTORIA, B.C., FOR CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Communications. It concerns the consideration given by the Canadian Radio-Television Commission to an application for a third channel for the west coast. In view of the recommendation of the 1966 broadcasting white paper, subsequent standing committee concurrence in 1967, and Department of Transport reservation in 1967 as well, that a television channel be reserved in the capital of British Columbia, Victoria, for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, has there ever been a Privy Council directive to the CRTC to reserve such channel in Victoria?

● (1150)

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications):** The only two directives that I remember, Mr. Speaker, if my memory is not failing me, did not deal either with the reservation of any particular channel or especially with Victoria but with the reservation of channels for community educational TV and with Canadian ownership of the cable and some radio and television stations. Therefore, I do not know but I can start a thorough investigation in order to give the hon. member an altogether accurate answer.

[English]

**Mr. Rose:** While the minister is looking into the matter, will he also investigate and explain to the House, if the answer about reservation is in the negative, why the policy of establishing CBC outlets in all provincial capitals appears to have been either ignored or abandoned in the case of Victoria?

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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

### BENEFIT CONTROL—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE THAT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL WORK CONTINUOUSLY TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the minister responsible for manpower. In light of the fact that the ILO conference has now finished its deliberations, a conference which some members of the advisory committee attended to the frustration of the work of that committee in looking into the injustices alleged by many claimants, can the minister advise now whether he has met with the members of the advisory committee in terms of ascertaining what their intentions are and has he received an assurance from the members of the committee that they are prepared to work continuously for the next two or three weeks in order to complete this very important study? Can he give us that assurance?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, again I am just as keen to

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have this matter dealt with as the hon. member and other hon. members. My understanding is that there has been a meeting scheduled either for today or early next week, and I will be able to report further after that is completed.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Hamilton West, on a supplementary. Order, please. I apologize to the hon. member for Hamilton West. I believe the hon. member for Fraser Valley West rises on a point of order.

**Mr. Rose:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I wonder whether *Hansard* could record that the minister nodded in the affirmative to my last question?

**Mr. Speaker:** I hope that *Hansard* will record my nodding at the hon. member's point of order. The hon. member for Hamilton West.

**Mr. Alexander:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have one final supplementary. I have indicated on many occasions the importance of this matter and I hope the minister shares this view. Would the minister undertake to meet with the advisory committee as soon as possible in order to advise the members of that committee of the importance of the matter, and if they cannot give their undivided attention for the next two or three weeks in order to clean it up, will he ask for their resignations and thereby be in a position to appoint people who will take this job seriously? It is most unfair the way—

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

**Mr. Andras:** Mr. Speaker, I will undertake to meet with them as I had intended anyway, but I will not be asking for their resignations under those circumstances.

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## NATIONAL DEFENCE

### REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL STATIONED IN GERMANY IN LIGHT OF UPWARD REVALUATION OF MARK

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the upward revaluation of the German mark this morning and the effect this has on the purchasing power of the pay and allowances of members of the armed forces stationed in Germany, will the minister recommend to his colleagues an immediate adjustment in the cost of living arrangement so that members of the armed forces will not suffer in so far as their standard of living is concerned?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, we have already made a 5 per cent increase in pay and allowances to reflect the relative devaluation of the Canadian dollar compared with the German mark. I will be looking at the relative valuation again now that this recent change has taken place.