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objective of having them telecast this important, all-Canadian series?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I will gladly make those representations. I think the viewing public of Canada should be given an occasion to see how Montreal or Quebec can go and beat the teams in the west.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: Wait until they get you out west.

An hon. Member: Now we know where you stand.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I am not rising to inject a note of regionalism, but I wonder if the Prime Minister would not apologize to the House for the sorry state hockey has reached under his leadership.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

IMMIGRATION**ENTRY INTO CANADA OF STOKELY CARMICHAEL**

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I have a question for the Solicitor General. In view of the reported recent visits to Canada, in particular one last week, by Mr. Stokely Carmichael, that preacher of race hatred and violence, can the Solicitor General tell us under what circumstances that gentleman arrived in Canada?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): No, Mr. Speaker, I regret I cannot. I presume he came with the proper clearance from the Immigration Department, and I will refer the question to my colleague in charge of that department.

Mr. Hees: Everyone is passing the buck.

TAXATION**PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF WHITE PAPER ON REFORM**

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): I have been waiting to throw this question at the Minister of Finance for two days now. Why did the minister say in Toronto on Monday that he was surprised at the public acceptance of the white paper on tax reform?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): I was pleased, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether the hon. member should not be prepared to wait a while for the reply.

Mr. Bell: Then may I rephrase my question, Mr. Speaker. As one who received another 100 letters this week objecting to the white paper, may I ask the Minister of Finance how the public can demonstrate any more strongly that they object to its proposals?

Mr. Benson: Well, Mr. Speaker, if my hon. friend would look closely at what I said in Toronto he will see I indicated that the general principles of the white paper seemed to be fairly well accepted, for example, the idea of a capital gains tax, redistribution of the tax burden—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Leader of the Opposition on a supplementary question.

WHITE PAPER ON REFORM—REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGES

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, in view of the careful reading that I too give to the minister's speeches, and in view of his statement that the legislation to be introduced will contain many changes from the white paper as presented, will the minister undertake to make a statement to the House at an early date, or before the committee, indicating what changes the government proposes in the white paper?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am very interested to note that the hon. gentleman has read that speech since I did not speak from a text.

Mr. Stanfield: I simply read the newspapers.

Mr. Benson: In any case I suppose I will be appearing before the House of Commons and the Senate Committees in due course when they have particular questions to raise with regard to particular aspects of the white paper. Of course, at that time I will indicate my thinking in this regard, but it is up to the committees to make their recommendations. I have a great deal of respect for the committees of this House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I ask the minister this question sincerely. Having presented