

IMMIGRATION

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION BY JEWS
IN IRAQ

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether there have been any applications made for admission to Canada by Jews in Iraq and, if so, whether the government is giving sympathetic consideration to granting early admission of these people who in their own interests have to leave their own country?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I think that that question might have been more appropriately addressed to the minister of immigration, but in any event tomorrow my colleague the minister of immigration and myself will be meeting with the Canadian Jewish Congress and others to talk about how best we can help. I cannot answer specifically the question asked by the right hon. gentleman, because it would not be information that came across my desk in the ordinary course of events.

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS ACT

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION DEALING WITH
CRIMINAL RECORDS

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. In view of the shortage of items on the order paper, is it the intention of the minister to bring forward legislation dealing with amendments to the Juvenile Delinquents Act? If not, when may we expect this legislation?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, there is no change in the date that I gave in my previous answer. It is highly improbable that it will be introduced in this session.

Mr. Gilbert: A supplementary question. In view of the fact that the former solicitor general brought forth legislation that had received cabinet approval with regard to the expunction of criminal records, when can we expect legislation dealing with this matter?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated previously, a great deal of attention is being given at the moment to this subject and to preparing legislation, which incidentally involves records that are primarily in the custody of the municipalities and the provinces. The subject is getting very active

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attention at the moment. I cannot give the precise date, but I would not expect legislation on this subject in this session.

DRUGS

MACE—TESTS TO REVEAL POSSIBLE DANGERS

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. My question is related to the question I asked on February 5 regarding the chemical Mace. At that time the minister said he would take my question under consideration. I was wondering whether that has been done and if the parliamentary secretary is in a position to reply to that question.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Rosaire Gendron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I regret that I cannot give the hon. member a satisfactory answer, but I will again bring his question to the attention of the minister.

[*English*]

Mr. Saltsman: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I should like to direct it to the Solicitor General and it is in connection with the same subject, the use of the chemical Mace. May I ask the Solicitor General whether consideration is being given to authorizing use of the chemical Mace by the R.C.M.P.

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): No, Mr. Speaker.

FISHERIES

HALIBUT—EFFECT OF RUSSIAN TRAWLER
OPERATIONS

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries. Is the Department of Fisheries at present conducting studies to determine the effect of Russian trawling on the supply of halibut, ocean perch and other groundfish off the coast of British Columbia?

Mr. Speaker: I am not sure that that question is one of urgency. If it is, the minister might like to reply.

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, the Department of Fisheries has carried out studies of this nature, and others are under way.