

Inquiries of the Ministry

them, and we are doing all that we can in the circumstances.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Have any taken advantage of this rather less-than-generous offer to these people who have suffered for a long time, and are suffering particularly at this moment?

Mr. Marchand: If any special measures are to be taken they will have to be decided by the cabinet.

Mr. Diefenbaker: That is a hope.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**RHODESIA—GIFT OF FUEL FROM ORGANIZATIONS IN CANADA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, yesterday my colleague the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway asked the Secretary of State for External Affairs a question with regard to the gift of 1,500 gallons of gasoline from Friends of Rhodesia organizations in Canada. The article to which she referred carried a picture with the legend: "The gift indicates the sympathy and support of the Canadian people." The minister promised to look into the matter and read the article. My colleague has gone, and asked me to ask the minister whether he has been able to look into the matter, and has any comments to make about it.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, according to reports which we have received, 1,500 gallons of petrol were turned over to the illegal Smith régime at the end of October by a Mr. Ronald Gostick who was acting on behalf of the Friends of Rhodesia societies in Canada. The article to which the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway called my attention itself points out that the delivery of the fuel was made from South Africa.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**REMISSION OF SENTENCES DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Grant Deachman (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General. Can the minister inform the house how many other remissions of sentence have been granted for Christmas and the New Year, in addition to the Vancouver labour leaders who were referred to yesterday?

[Mr. Marchand.]

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to give any exact figures, but a considerable number of cases forwarded from various institutions across Canada were considered, and granted clemency under the royal prerogative and approved for pre-Christmas release.

EXPO '67**EDMONTON, ALTA.—FAILURE TO SECURE TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister received a telegram from the centennial co-ordinator of the Edmonton school board protesting the fact that after two months they have not been able to negotiate an agreement with the C.N.R. to take 2,000 Edmonton children to Expo?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question cannot be answered at this time.

NATIONAL ANTHEM**COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF "O CANADA"**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Stanbury (York-Scarborough): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. I have taken the precaution of not giving him notice of it. In view of the expected adjournment of the house this evening, and the prospect that Canada will be launched anthemless into its centennial year, could the Prime Minister advise the house when and how parliament will get the opportunity to adopt "O Canada" as our national anthem?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think this matter should be sent to a parliamentary committee for consideration. I hope that a resolution to that effect will be on the order paper when we reconvene, and that we will have this matter settled well before Canada Day in our centennial year.

CANADIAN CONFEDERATION**FURTHER REQUEST FOR OBSERVANCE OF BIRTHDAY OF SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the