

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am aware of this case. I have been following it, and we have offered our good offices to him if he is in need of them. As I recall it, he has been charged with some offences committed before he came to Canada.

### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

#### INFLATION—MEASURES OUTLINED BY PRIME MINISTER ON WESTERN TRIP

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. During his trip to the western provinces last week did he outline to the people of that region the steps that the government intends to take or is taking to control the rising inflation which is going up at present at the rate of 10 per cent a year? If so, would he take the first opportunity on motions to outline these steps to the house?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I did have several occasions to indicate to them what measures the government was taking to combat inflation, and they sympathised with me when I said that one of our greatest difficulties was rejecting the irresponsible demands of the opposition to spend more money.

**Mr. Hees:** As the Canadian people and this house are very interested in the precise steps which the government intends to take and which have not yet been outlined to us, would the Prime Minister take the first opportunity on motions, as requested, to outline these steps to the house?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Surely the hon. member cannot be all that interested in combatting inflation if he has not taken note of the several steps that have been taken, including those that were mentioned in the budget speech.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Hees:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the Prime Minister not aware that the steps of which he speaks have been outlined to the Minister of Finance as absolutely unworkable and useless, and he did not deny—

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

### POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

#### VANCOUVER—FAILURE TO REMIT CHEQUES FOR OVERTIME

**Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General.

### Inquiries of the Ministry

Can he say whether a complaint has been received from the post office workers in Vancouver over the reported failure of the central pay office in Ottawa to provide them with payment for their overtime work and if so, what action has been taken?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, my friends in the postal unions tipped me off that this question was likely to come from the Conservative party. I did not expect it from a member of the hon. member's party. I may say that I will be glad to take up this matter with my colleague, the Minister of Finance, to find out why there is a delay in making available overtime cheques for the month of June.

### PRICE STABILITY, INCOMES AND EMPLOYMENT

#### REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH MOTION ESTABLISHING COMMITTEE

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question related to that of the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings to the government house leader. Would he give consideration to bringing forward government order No. 91 on the order paper, the measure to set up a joint committee of the house and the other place on price stability, incomes and employment, in order to meet the very serious rise in the cost of living?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Not at this particular time, Mr. Speaker.

### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF DESIGNATED REGIONS

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** My question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Now that the industrial incentives bill has been passed by both houses, and in view of its rather unusual nature, how soon will the minister be in a position to announce the provisions that will be in operation, in particular the designation of the various regions where this legislation will apply?

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**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** I hope, Mr. Speaker, that it will be within the next few weeks, two or three at the most, I would think.