

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

are now under way among 14 countries, particularly the United States and Canada, in respect of claims against France. Until those consultations have resulted in a conclusion I am afraid I cannot give any more definite reply. I can say that this matter is under very active consideration.

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, will the minister inform the house as to the size of the claim Canada has made against France in respect of compensation for these facilities?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, this is one of the matters forming part of the consultative arrangement. An assessment is now being made of what each country considers to be its claim against France.

**IMMIGRATION****CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FROM ASIANS IN KENYA**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It relates to the Asians in Kenya who in a short time are to lose their work permits and may become stateless citizens. Is any special consideration to be given to these people to allow them to enter Canada, in the interests of humanity and Commonwealth relations? Will special consideration be given on compassionate grounds, and is it contemplated by the government to waive the present regulations?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I think that our regulations, as they stand now, can cover that situation. I have already told the house, if I remember rightly, that we will send special teams to Kenya as soon as the number of applications warrants it.

We are ready to examine those applications quickly when they are made.

[*English*]

**Mr. Douglas:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask whether special teams have gone to Nairobi, and will some additional points be granted in order that these people may qualify? Will a special set of regulations apply in the case of these particular applicants?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Marchand:** Mr. Speaker, I will inquire and tell the hon. member tomorrow if teams are already in Kenya.

[*Mr. Martin (Essex East).*]

As far as changing our standards of selection is concerned, we have not considered that matter yet.

[*English*]

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether, if the Commonwealth is to serve any useful purpose at all, the government does not think this is a matter which should be discussed by Commonwealth members.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is now asking an argumentative question. This is not in order.

**Mr. Jack Roxburgh (Norfolk):** Mr. Speaker, I should like the Minister of Manpower and Immigration to assure us that although privileges may be extended to bring in these people, this will not upset in any way the immigration policies now in force.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a supplementary question to the hon. Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Could he tell us whether his department has made decisions concerning the case of the young Cuban athlete who has asked for asylum in Canada?

**Mr. Speaker:** The question is not supplementary.

[*English*]

**Mr. Raymond Rock (Jacques-Cartier-Lasalle):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Will the minister also take seriously into consideration—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Wellington South.

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Labour who is responsible for housing. Can he assure this house and the country that housing will be made available to these proposed immigrants?

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

**Mr. Rock:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In considering this immigration problem, will the minister also take seriously into consideration the high unemployment problem in Canada?

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** Another split.