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### IMMIGRATION

#### SMUGGLING OF VISITORS TO CANADA INTO UNITED STATES

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the minister responsible for immigration. The other day I gave him notice of a peculiar situation existing in Canada inasmuch as visitors are being smuggled into the United States in consequence of the hardship suffered by many of them by reason of the November 3 cut-off date. Has the minister had an opportunity of looking into this matter and has he had any consultations with United States authorities. If so, what has been the result of such meetings?

• (1440)

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I regret that I have not got the results of the report that I asked for following the hon. member's question the other day, but when I have the information I will convey it to him.

**Mr. Alexander:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the minister's concern and I hope he will make a statement as soon as the information is available. There is another problem that seems to be bothering foreign students—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. If the question is not supplementary the hon. member should be recognized later for his second question. If it is not supplementary I will recognize the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona.

**Mr. Alexander:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I am dealing with immigration and therefore it is supplementary.

**Mr. Speaker:** I would suggest to the hon. member that that might be stretching the point a bit. I will recognize a supplementary to the first question and then go to the other question that the hon. member would like to bring to the attention of the same minister. The hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona.

#### APPLICATION FOR LANDED IMMIGRANT STATUS BY VISITORS

**Mr. Douglas Roche (Edmonton-Strathcona):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the minister's statement a few days ago expressing his desire to deal compassionately with certain visitors in Canada who may be eligible for landed immigrant status, the November 3 regulations notwithstanding, will the minister send to his departmental officials the same information he sent to me in a recent letter citing what circumstances might be acceptable so that his officials might be able to deal with these cases with knowledge of the positive feeling of the minister?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I think that would be going full circle. I am sure they are aware of the contents of the letter that I sent to the hon. gentleman.

### Oral Questions

#### OPPORTUNITY OF FOREIGN STUDENTS TO OBTAIN WORK

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put to the minister the problem of foreign students which seems to have been exaggerated as a result of the November 3 cut-off and the need for work permits. The students do not quite know where they stand. Has the minister reviewed this matter in order to relieve any hardship, and can he assure the House that there will be no obstacles unduly placed in the way of these students to prevent them from gaining employment, as they have in the past?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, we have circulated the details of the exemption for foreign students from the employment visa requirements. I will not go into full details here except to say that all are exempted except foreign students who came here on their own. These came under circumstances that indicated that they were self-sufficient and self-supporting. Nevertheless, we are reviewing that situation as well. Even under the present regulations, if they apply for jobs in Canada which are jobs that cannot be filled by Canadians, there is no obstacle preventing foreign students from taking that work. However, we are looking a little farther behind this once more with regard to foreign students who were here before the employment visa system was introduced in early January.

**Mr. Alexander:** In view of the emergency situation that exists, with many of these students soon leaving school and seeking summer employment, and the need for some direction from the government immediately, would the minister at least assure me that he will reach his conclusions in the very near future and publicize them to the several universities, colleges, etc. so there will be ample time for these students to know what is happening on the government's side?

**Mr. Andras:** Mr. Speaker, I have already indicated we will be doing this directly through some of the representatives who came to see me.

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### AGRICULTURE

#### AMOUNT OF LAND IRRIGATED FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN DAM—ALLEGED FAILURE OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO LIVE UP TO AGREEMENT

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of the Environment and it has to do with the agreement that was entered into between the government of Canada and the government of Saskatchewan when the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands was premier of that province in connection with the construction of the South Saskatchewan River dam. Among the provisions in the agreement was one to the effect that a minimum number of acres within a certain period of time should have completed irrigation. The government of Saskatchewan has now broken that agreement, and I ask the minister what he is going to do about it. Is he going to call on the government