

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

and Resources with reference to the petroleum industry, in light of the national anxiety at the present time in this respect. As the minister has said that western Canada is not going to get any special consideration as to the oil market and the demand for Canadian crude, is he intending to join the Prime Minister in the petroleum discussions taking place at the present time with the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior of that country?

**Mr. Horner:** I hope not.

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, without wanting to associate myself with the introductory portion of the hon. member's remarks, I would assure the hon. member that I for one am confident of the Prime Minister's ability to handle that matter with the President at this time.

**Mr. Woolliams:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The minister said the other day in the House of Commons that a special task force had been set up. Are members of that task force with the Prime Minister advising him in his discussions with regard to petroleum with the President and the Secretary of the Interior, the former governor of Alaska and oil king of the United States?

**Mr. Lang:** Again, Mr. Speaker, without wanting to associate myself with a good deal of the remarks of the hon. member, I am happy to tell him that at least one member of the task force is in fact with the Prime Minister.

**Mr. Woolliams:** I wonder whether the minister would associate himself with the Canadian problem so far as petroleum is concerned.

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

**Mr. Baldwin:** You need not all be shy.

**HOUSE OF COMMONS****ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS DURING QUESTION PERIOD**

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. Can he tell us whether he is aware that on one occasion when one of his colleagues reported him to be in Toronto he was actually in his office and not in attendance in the house?

**Some hon. Members:** Shame.

[Mr. Woolliams.]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Certainly the question as asked is not in order.

**Mr. MacInnis:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has, I hope, another question rather than a supplementary to one which was not in order.

**Mr. MacInnis:** If my question is not in order, may I rise on a point of order and ask the house leader to explain why situations develop such as the one in which the Minister without Portfolio reported that the Minister of Transport was in Toronto while he was actually in his office. This matter was raised as a question of privilege on another occasion. Why did the house leader report yesterday that the Minister of National Defence was accompanying the Prime Minister to Washington when that was not the case, as the presence of the Minister of National Defence here today makes evident?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, it was my understanding that the minister was accompanying the Prime Minister. If I was wrong, I apologize.

With regard to the earlier incident, my understanding was that the minister was on his way. It is as simple as that.

**Mr. MacInnis:** It seems to me that a few other ministers now owe us apologies. Does the fact that the minister is now apologizing mean he will get off free or drop his arrogant attitude?

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

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION****BRINGING OF JERRY RUBIN TO CANADA**

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the parliamentary secretary to the Secretary of State. Would he seek an explanation from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as to why Mr. Rubin, who was prohibited from coming into Canada by the immigration authorities, was brought into Canada by that powerful creator of instantaneous electronic folklore, the C.B.C.?

**Mr. Speaker:** It seems to me that the hon. member is repeating in different terms a question which was asked on precisely this subject a moment ago by the right hon. member for Prince Albert.