

On the day in question Mrs. Lines was granted permission to inspect hobbycraft articles at St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary. On this occasion she was accompanied by Mr. Grant Johnston, who apparently also was interested in the program of the Creative Awards Association. St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary lacks facilities to exhibit hobbycraft in any place other than the place where hobby work is actually carried on. Mrs. Lines and Mr. Johnston were escorted to that area by a penitentiary officer. A group of inmates were there, engaged in hobby work. The purpose of the visit was specifically to inspect hobby work and no authorization for a press interview had been issued. One of the inmates in the hobby area at the time of the visit was Georges Marcotte. It appears that Mr. Grant Johnston took advantage of this opportunity to interview Marcotte and apparently as a result of that interview, the publication appeared in the press.

Again I re-emphasize that no authorization was issued for a personal interview by any person with Marcotte for the purposes of publication.

#### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

##### INQUIRY AS TO STEPS TO CANCEL PRICE INCREASES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Has the minister's attention been drawn to the fact that in recent days price increases on a number of commodities have been voluntarily rolled back in the United States in order to comply with the guide lines which were established by that government? I would like to ask the minister whether any thought is being given by him and his colleagues to instituting a similar type of action in Canada.

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, a great deal of thought has been given to this matter, but so far we have not concluded this would be a useful means of controlling prices. We might change our minds, but the view at the present time, looking to the situation in the United States, the United Kingdom and Europe, where in most cases prices have risen much more quickly than in Canada, is that experience has not been such as to encourage us in this direction.

#### Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

#### NATIONAL SECURITY

##### REPORTED ADMITTANCE TO CANADA OF VIET CONG SYMPATHIZER

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Could the minister tell the house how a revolutionary such as Ronald Ramsey could have been admitted to Canada?

Could the minister tell us also about the possibility given to him of entering this country?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot inform the house about all the possibilities there are of entering Canada. We know how easy it is to enter Canada from the United States and even from European countries.

I do not think anyone in Canada would find it acceptable if we were to maintain such a close check at our borders that vexations would result for all our people.

So, I have no way of knowing. Unless the hon. member for Villeneuve tells us how Mr. Ramsey entered Canada, I myself cannot say.

**Mr. Caouette:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

The minister should ask the C.B.C. Perhaps they could tell him. But here is my supplementary question: Did Mr. Ramsey ask the minister to grant him the right of sanctuary in Canada or must he still ask for it?

**Mr. Marchand:** Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

##### INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF JUDICIAL INQUIRY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and concerns his announcement on March 7 that a judicial inquiry would be established to investigate the general operation of our security procedures, with a view to determining whether or not they are now adequate, and to assure the protection of the rights of private individuals in any investigation. Can the Prime Minister tell us when he expects to announce the establishment of this very vital and important judicial inquiry and, if possible, who will be heading it?