

NATIONAL SECURITY

WAR MEASURES ACT—ARRESTS, RELEASES, CONTINUING DETENTIONS AND CHARGES

Mr. Rud L. Whiting (Halton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Justice whether he can give the House up to date figures on those people arrested and charged under the War Measures Act, as well as those released, in the province of Quebec?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that we had better move the hon. member back to the right side of the House.

An hon. Member: You are not supposed to be here today.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: You haven't read the roster.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I am neither here nor not here. I am waiting for the debate to begin on a very important bill and I am looking forward to that.

As of 8:30 this morning the figures were: Arrested, 447; released, 383; detained, 64, and rearrested, 1. Of the 64 detained, 41 were previously charged with 63 offences, 19 under the Criminal Code and 14 under the War Measures Act regulations. Of the 23 remaining, six are under coroner's warrant, three are charged under Section 62 of the Criminal Code and Section 4(a) of the War Measures Act regulations, one charged under Section 4(d) of the War Measures Act regulations and one under Section 4(a) and 4(d) of the War Measures Act regulations. There are 12 cases under study.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

RETIRED EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS—ACTION TO IMPLEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR INCREASE

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that this week the government tabled a bill dealing with CNR financing, I should like to ask the government whether it has approached the Canadian National Railways regarding the report of the transport committee on CNR pensions, and whether the CNR will take any steps to revise its pension program before we discuss the bill that was tabled this week?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I have answered this question on previous occasions, Mr. Speaker. The decision of the transport committee, and the concurrence in that decision by the House were conveyed formally to the officials of the CNR. Of course, the matter is now being considered by them.

Inquiries of the Ministry

HOUSING

INVESTMENT OF PENSION FUNDS IN RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGES

Mr. Keith Hymmen (Kitchener): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister responsible for housing. Can he advise the House whether meetings have been held or will be arranged with investment people and pension fund administrations with regard to the financing of housing programs?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, in my remarks during the throne speech debate I indicated that such a meeting was being planned. I can indicate to the House now that the date has been set for December 8. We have issued invitations to those charged with administering investment portfolios of major pension funds from across the country to meet with me and some of my colleagues in Ottawa on that date for the purpose of enticing them into further investment of their funds in residential mortgages.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hymmen: I have a supplementary question. I should like to ask the minister whether further meetings are being planned with the approved lenders, the banks and trust companies, to stimulate the flow of mortgage money.

Mr. Andras: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I did meet with financial institutions, the banks, trust and insurance companies, a month or so ago, and we have scheduled another meeting which will probably take place early in January.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS

EFFECT OF GAS WELL BLOWOUT ON PANARCTIC DRILLING PROGRAM AND ECOLOGY—SAFETY MEASURES

Mr. R. J. Orange (Northwest Territories): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Can the minister say whether he has any information in respect of the situation surrounding the gas well blowout on King Christian Island? Has the blowout been capped and, if not, what steps are being taken to cap it?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, the blowout on King Christian Island should not have any harmful effect on future drilling by Panarctic Oil. We have some consultants in the field now trying to find ways and means of stopping the blowout. I must advise that we are very happy because this is a very large discovery of gas. This is further proof that the policy of the government in the north is a good one.

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has any information that Panarctic Oils