

ers as a priority before any exports of gas, and that if they failed to do this we would apply export controls.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO BREAK INTO CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the hon. gentleman received any information about an alleged conspiracy by the United States government to break into the Canadian embassy in Washington? Has he any information he can give us in the form of an answer to the question?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I have no information of that kind nor any evidence to suggest there is any substance to the allegation. I believe the answer given by an anonymous spokesman for the department was a good one, namely, that if the Americans wanted to know about our policy toward draft dodgers and deserters, they had only to ask.

Mr. Baldwin: I hope they do better than we do when they ask.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for York South.

Mr. Lewis: I had a question for the Minister of Labour, Mr. Speaker, but he seems to have disappeared. Perhaps Your Honour would recognize me if he returns.

Mr. Speaker: I will recognize the hon. member at any time.

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FINANCE

MEASURES TO ASSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO FARMERS, FISHERMEN AND SMALL BUSINESSES UNDER GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED LOANS

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. It is in the same vein as a question asked some days ago; the minister said then that he would look into it. Has the government taken any measures to assure that sufficient loans are being made available to farmers under the legislation providing for government guaranteed loans, as well as under the arrangements concerning small business loans and loans to fishermen?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): On that subject, when we have something to announce we shall announce it here.

Oral Questions

CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

ASSURANCE OF LOCATION OF HEAD OFFICE IN VANCOUVER

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. It relates to the Canada Development Corporation. In April, 1971, the Prime Minister announced that the head office would be located in Vancouver. Again, in April of this year, he reassured me that this would be the case. However, some of his colleagues in the cabinet are going round the country saying it will not be located in Vancouver.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should ask the question. He is now making a statement. He has been recognized for the purpose of asking a question.

Mr. Reynolds: I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he misinformed me when he told me in his statement in April that the head office would be located in Vancouver?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, I did not misinform the hon. member. But I should like to inform him that unintentionally he himself misinformed the House when he said that ministers are saying the contrary.

Mr. Reynolds: There is a restaurant in Vancouver called Sneaky Pete's and I think it was named after the right hon. gentleman.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. members may applaud that kind of remark but I do not. I think that kind of statement by the hon. member is not conducive to the dignity of the House of Commons.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Reynolds: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I respect your statement, but might I point out that the Prime Minister said his ministers did not make the statements I attributed to them. About two weeks ago, in this House, the Minister of Justice said to one of his own members that the CDC would be locating in western Canada but not in Vancouver.

Mr. Speaker: I do not quarrel with the hon. member's statement now. Obviously, there is a disagreement as to fact between the hon. member and other members. But I suggest it is always possible to make that kind of point while remaining within what I regard as being the traditions and proprieties of debate in the House of Commons.

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CRIMINAL CODE

ABORTION—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice who two weeks ago informed me he would consider the possibility of making a statement to the