

Inquiries of the Ministry

do not know whether the ministers' parliamentary secretary is here, although I see the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice. Can he advise us whether any ladies in Kingston penitentiary are still in solitary confinement following the problems encountered there?

[Translation]

Mr. Albert Béchar (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of this situation but I will notify the minister who will answer this question next time he has the chance to do it.

[English]

KINGSTON WOMEN'S PRISON—REDUCTION OF SENTENCES

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, in view of the discussion that has taken place over the sentences of some of these women in prison at Kingston, would the parliamentary secretary also inquire whether consideration is being given to reducing their sentences to keep them more in line with other sentences now being handed down by the courts?

Mr. Albert Béchar (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): I will, Mr. Speaker.

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NATIONAL MUSEUM

REDUCTION IN SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS IN SLAVIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State, the minister responsible for the Opportunities for Youth program and for the administration and operation of the National Museum.

An hon. Member: Did the hon. member say "responsible"?

Mr. Hales: Why was the number of summer jobs for students in the Slavic department of the National Museum cut from 18 to two?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that this question could be placed on the order paper. If there is urgency, it could well be given priority for consideration at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Hales: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, there is urgency because one young person who was employed there last summer was given the assurance that he would be hired this summer and then was told that he could not be hired because of lack of funds.

Mr. Dinsdale: That is shocking.

[Mr. Woolliams.]

[Translation]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

INQUIRY RESPECTING STATEMENT OF MINISTER
OUTSIDE HOUSE

Mr. Oza Tétrault (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In a speech he made in Peterborough on June 11, 1971 he said:

Because of the poverty of many Indians the Canadian people were prodded into asking themselves how such a situation could have arisen and why it persists.

Does the minister know that the same applies to the whites of Canada, because two Canadians out of five lack proper food, clothing and shelter?

Mr. Speaker: I do feel that this is an argument rather than a question.

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[English]

AIRPORTS

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.—ABORTED AIR CANADA LANDING—
MALFUNCTIONING OF INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Has an investigation been conducted into the aborted Air Canada landing at St. John's airport which I might say was a direct consequence of the malfunctioning of the instrument landing system there? Can the minister tell the House when the ILS will again be functioning at that airport?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of the question, albeit only since I entered the House. I have only had time to make a quick inquiry and will get a full answer by Monday. In the interim, I have a note from officials indicating that safety in no way has been compromised. That is all I can say at present, and I will undertake to get a full answer by Monday or Tuesday.

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INQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, in light of events to take place later today, may I direct a somewhat irreverent question to the Prime Minister. Since a CBC broadcast this morning suggested that the Minister of Finance would forecast the future later today by the old method of studying the entrails of slaughtered animals, can we now be assured that those entrails will not come from us as lambs led to the slaughter?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): It is going to be a "gut" budget, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker—