

diture by the Canadian government, but it would be the kind of gesture the people of black Africa would understand. I hope we will have a statement from the minister fairly soon as to just how he is prepared to carry through that offer and whether the Canadian government is prepared to fly food into Zambia if as at present that country is thwarted in its efforts to feed its own people because of the actions of the white minority governments in southern Africa.

We welcome the minister's statement. We approve of the ideas he has put forward with regard to aid to Africa and his abhorrence of the policies pursued by the white minority governments in Africa. All we ask now is that the minister put these fine statements and this excellent rhetoric into practice by some hard government policies.

[Translation]

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the minister's return and the report he has just made, indicate that I had no reason to be concerned. Indeed, I was afraid the minister would venture much too far in the jungle and cause a revival of ancient and long-gone cannibalistic traditions.

From what I can gather from his report, the minister merely visited the better developed African areas, met the authorities of those five countries that had made their requirements known and that thanked him for Canada's aid which is relatively recent at least with respect to the Francophone countries where it has been in existence only for the past few years.

Mr. Speaker, we followed the trip of the minister to that part of the world and we, of the Ralliement Créditiste, believe that Canada should not neglect any country in its international relations.

However, we wish the minister and the government would have the same consideration for Canadian areas that are also underdeveloped and as such live now in poverty and misery.

We are aware that Canada is helping various countries, not to extend its rule over them as some others would, but for commendable motives, that is to promote among countries of those areas the peace we would like to see in other parts of the world such as Asia.

Mr. Speaker, we would like also to see peace assured in underdeveloped areas of Canada where there are today ferments of revolution caused by undeserved misery, in the midst of abundance. While maintaining our assistance to those countries as much as we can, I believe the government should pay more attention to our own undeveloped areas.

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[English]

CIVILIAN WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES ACT

AMENDMENT TO INCREASE PAYMENTS

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-232, to amend the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act. Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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Questions

WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCE ACT, 1952

AMENDMENT TO INCREASE TABLE AND CEILING OF ALLOWANCES

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-233, to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act, 1952. Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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PENSION ACT

AMENDMENT TO INCREASE PAYMENTS

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-234, to amend the Pension Act. Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

ACTION TAKEN BY PRIME MINISTER WITH REGARD TO LETTER FROM MR. SAULNIER CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF CYC

Question No. 366—Mr. Coates:

What action was taken by the Prime Minister with regard to the letter he received from Lucien Saulnier, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the City of Montreal, on March 17, 1969, with regard to activities of the Company of Young Canadians and what Ministers of the government were given responsibility by the Prime Minister as a result of this letter and were reports made available to the Prime Minister on the actions that were taken in relation to this letter?

Mr. Barnett J. Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister): This question seeks information with respect to the assignment in a specific instance of responsibility within the Cabinet, and of the manner in which that particular responsibility was discharged. It has long been recognized that the arrangements made by the Cabinet for the discharge of business for which it is collectively responsible are not customarily disclosed.

ACTION TAKEN BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN RESPONSE TO EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY MONTREAL

Question No. 367—Mr. Coates:

What Ministers of the federal government were specifically designated by the Prime Minister to take action on the evidence presented to the government by officers of the City of Montreal on October 29, 1969, and were reports prepared and presented to the Prime Minister on the basis of this evidence and, if so, what action was taken as a result of these reports?

Mr. Barnett J. Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister): This question seeks information with respect to the assignment in a specific instance of responsibility within the Cabinet, and of the manner in