

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I have better things to do than comment on all the statements published in all the newspapers, especially when they originate in the United States.

[English]

**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****INFLATION—PROPOSAL TO PROVINCES OF TAX ON WAGE GAINS IN EXCESS OF GUIDELINES**

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** My supplementary question is addressed to the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the statement of the Minister of Finance to which I have just referred, may I ask the Prime Minister now if he can assure the House, as the Minister of Finance did, that the government has no intention of making any proposals to the provincial Ministers of Finance regarding the imposition of wage controls or the imposition of any tax on wage gains to keep them in line with the guidelines set down by the Prices and Incomes Commission?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member would save a lot of his time and the time of the House if he were to take the word of the Minister of Finance against that of a canard.

**Mr. Baldwin:** The Minister of Finance is so flexible from day to day.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE****LEGISLATION RESPECTING CIGARETTE ADVERTISING**

**Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Could the minister indicate today approximately when he intends to introduce the legislation on cigarette advertising control and whether he is prepared to make a statement at that time?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** As I indicated to the House a while ago, Mr. Speaker, we are now formulating our policies based on the committee report that is now before the government and receiving consideration. When that process is completed, if there is legislation I would anticipate it would be introduced in the next session.

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** I should like to ask a supplementary question

[Mr. Caouette.]

of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Mr. Speaker. Is his department taking a look at the excessive promotional advertising campaigns being conducted across the country by tobacco manufacturers with a view to checking into false and misleading advertising and excessive promotion?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, there is no law against excessive promotion and, with reference to the same story that the hon. member refers to, I think the indications are that some of the tobacco companies are increasing their promotional advertising in anticipation of legislation preventing it. I think that is a most deplorable development on the part of the tobacco companies. With regard to misleading advertising laws we have one of the leading companies before the courts in Alberta for what we allege is misleading promotion. If we obtain evidence of misleading advertising by cigarette companies, we will prosecute them in court.

[Translation]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****PERU—ASSISTANCE TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

In view of the recent earthquake in Peru where victims would number close to 50,000, does the Canadian government intend to imitate other countries and take the necessary measures to help the stricken country?

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the impression that this question was asked yesterday and that the Prime Minister answered it.

[English]

**TAXATION****WHITE PAPER ON REFORM—PRODUCTION OF DRAFT LEGISLATION—DUTIES OF ROBERT LINDSAY**

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Minister of Finance. In his absence and in the unfortunate absence of the Minister without Portfolio, may I direct it to the Prime Minister. Is the government now producing drafts of legislation based on the proposals in the Minister of Finance's white paper on taxation?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, but this is not the