

Inquiries of the Ministry

this increase in productivity by offering tax incentives to industries, or does it intend to use some other means?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, we have already used tax incentives, and there has been an increase in productivity in Canada in the past year, as the hon. member knows.

Mr. Hees: On a supplementary, if the minister will examine the figures he will see the increase has not been nearly satisfactory—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I would ask a supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member was recognized for the purpose of asking a supplementary and not to engage in debate. Perhaps he would ask his supplementary question.

Mr. Hees: The minister has to be set right, Mr. Speaker. As a supplementary question, is it the firm conviction of the minister that it is always better to do nothing and simply rely on providence?

Mr. Speaker: That again is not a supplementary but debate. The hon. member for Surrey-White Rock.

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TRADE**MINI-TYPE SUBMARINE—CANCELLATION OF EXPORT PERMIT ISSUED TO INTERNATIONAL HYDRODYNAMICS**

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I want to direct to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Having in mind the statement made in the House yesterday by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce to the effect that Canada's security was the sole reason for our about-face in cancelling the export permit for the baby submarine being made in Vancouver for sale to Russia, despite the fact he indicated that some consultation had taken place between Canada and the United States, does the minister know that American components were used in the construction of this submarine? Second, does he know that, so far as defence elements are concerned, this baby vessel can only be used if connected to a mother ship?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is hardly in order. The member is asking whether the minister knows certain information. The question in those terms cannot be accepted.

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CANADA COUNCIL**GRANT TO BRING WRITERS FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO INSTRUCT CANADIANS**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State who I believe reports for the Canada Council. I base my question on information from the Canadian Authors' Associa-

tion having to do with a grant by the Canada Council of \$100,000 to bring in writers and scholars from five European countries at salaries of up to \$1,000 per month to tell Canadians how to write. Of the 39 who have been designated, 34 are from France and the others are from West Germany, Belgium and Italy. None are from the United Kingdom, none from the United States, and none from Canada. Will the minister look into this matter and ascertain the basis on which this huge amount of money has been expended, and whether consideration was given to our authors in Canada, even to the members of the Press Gallery here—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Diefenbaker: —who know how to write and do not have to have foreigners come here to tell Canadians how to write?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I shall inquire and get all the answers to the questions that the right hon. member has just put, including another one, that is whether, as usual, he has not grossly simplified this action by the Canada Council.

[*English*]

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, of course the hon. gentleman does not know what is going on. I direct his attention to the Canadian Authors' Association report, Toronto branch, in its bulletin of December, 1971. I am surprised that the minister, with that omniscience he has about everything, has not seen it.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Egmont.

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YOUTH**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT—EVALUATION OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES—OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION—POSSIBLE CONFERENCE**

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State. It relates to the publication last evening of the report by the Canadian Council for Social Development on its evaluation of the Opportunities for Youth and other summer youth programs funded by the federal government. In view of the number of reports being submitted by voluntary agencies, including some very important ones, what steps is the minister taking to provide an opportunity for some discussion and dialogue, and is consideration being given to holding a conference perhaps similar to the one scheduled a year ago but unfortunately cancelled because of lack of support from the government?

● (2:30 p.m.)

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I think that last year's conference which the hon. member is referring to had been cancelled for several reasons, Mr. Speaker, and not only the one he mentioned.