

Inquiries of the Ministry

point out that the minister will not be in the House tomorrow and that under the crazy set-up introduced by the Prime Minister he may not be back for a week or two. So when do we have an opportunity to ask the question?

Elizabeth hotel, the matter of the transfer of the family allowances plan to the provinces was brought up?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, did the hon. member say that I attended a meeting? If he did, I must say I was not at such a meeting. Even if I had been, I would probably not tell the House, but, as I was not, I did not, of course, discuss that matter.

NATIONAL PARKS**REQUEST FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITY IN LIGHT OF POLLUTION OF LAKE ERIE**

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): My question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I do not often question him. In light of the deplorable state of Lake Erie and the need for environmental rehabilitation, and having regard to the fact that the people of Ontario are being barred from using the beaches on Lake Erie, will the minister give consideration to the development of an East Erie national park?

Mr. Speaker: Order. If there is urgency, which is not apparent to the Chair, this question can be discussed at the time of adjournment.

DRUGS**ASSISTANCE IN DEALING WITH CRISIS AT BANFF**

Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser): My question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Has the Banff Advisory Council asked for his help in dealing with the drug crisis currently being experienced at Banff and, if so, has his department made any arrangements to work on the problem in co-operation with the Alberta Department of Social Development?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I have received no request in that regard. The drug problem at Banff comes obviously under the administration of justice, and the question might perhaps be directed to the Solicitor General.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES**TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PROVINCES**

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

Could he tell the House whether, when he had a private meeting with the Ontario and Quebec premiers, Monday night, at the Queen

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**CYPRUS—INCREASE IN CANADIAN CONTINGENT**

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): My question is for the Prime Minister. Is Canada giving consideration to increasing the Canadian contingent in Cyprus?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**PLANS TO MEET NEED FOR DOCTORS**

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Having regard to the findings of the recent report on manpower which indicates an acute shortage of doctors and a galloping increase in requirements in the next five years amounting to more than 50 per cent, would the minister state what plans are being prepared to meet this situation?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member may be aware that four new medical schools have recently been opened. One school graduated its first class this spring, two others have already taken in first-year students, and the fourth will probably take its first students in the fall. We have also had a very favourable rate in terms of immigration of doctors to this country, and emigration of doctors has declined significantly. Lastly, the hon. member knows that the health task force report went into ways and means by which we can co-operate with the provinces to increase the efficiency of doctors and take part in a program to provide doctor's assistants.