

have to be made out for persons earning under \$250.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest this type of statement could be made on motions rather than by way of an answer to a question.

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PETER TRUEMAN—COMPLIMENTS ON COMMENTARY ON "VIEWPOINT"

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State I wonder if the Prime Minister would be good enough to deliver two bouquets, one to the C.B.C. for putting Peter Trueman on "Viewpoint" last night, the other to Peter Trueman for his very refreshing comments.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I shall be very glad to transmit my hon. friend's words to the C.B.C.

Mr. Knowles: With a carbon copy to Christopher Young.

AGRICULTURE

PERMISSION TO SPRAY FOR BOTH WEED AND PEST CONTROL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lawrence Watson (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture or, if the matter does not come under his jurisdiction, to the Minister of Transport. Will the minister assure the house that the applications for exemptions of flying farmers, now being made to the Air Transport Board, will allow farmers with aircraft to spray for weed control this current spraying season as in previous years, and not only for pest control as outlined on the applications?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I am not too certain that this comes under my jurisdiction. I will certainly support any applications that farmers, flying or otherwise, make, but I think this comes under the authority of the Board of Transport Commissioners.

SPORTS

HOCKEY—POSSIBLE CONTRAVENTION OF BILL OF RIGHTS OR COMBINES LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Prime

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Minister which affects the individual freedom of a former member of this house. Has the Prime Minister or the government received any representation from or on behalf of Leonard "Red" Kelly, regarding the archaic and serfdom-like rules of the National Hockey League which permit Canadian citizens to be sold and traded like chattels despite their personal wishes? If so, can the Prime Minister assure the house that the government has plans to commission a study to ascertain whether such regulations contravene the Canadian Bill of Rights, and thus demand legal action?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Even though the right hon. Prime Minister seems anxious to reply to the question I feel it is not the type of question that should be asked at this time.

The hon. member for Richmond-Wolfe.

Mr. Asselin (Richmond-Wolfe): Mr. Speaker, I intended to ask the same type of question of the Solicitor General.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Is consideration being given by his department to amending the anti-combines legislation to include service industries such as hockey, in order to prevent the kind of situation to which my colleague from Danforth referred?

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, this question should properly be addressed to the Registrar General.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

NIGERIA—INQUIRY AS TO SAFETY OF CANADIANS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. B. Patterson (Fraser Valley): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has he any information he could give the house regarding the safety of Canadians in Nigeria?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, with regard to the situation in Nigeria I can say there are military movements but there is no evidence of military conflict. Canada has made arrangements with the British high commission in eastern Nigeria for the evacuation of Canadian citizens along with citizens of the United Kingdom.