

Canada by non-Canadian subversive elements have his approval and blessing?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me that the question is argumentative, though perhaps the minister is entitled to one supplementary reply.

URBAN AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Is the government giving serious consideration to recommending to the House the appointment of a special committee on urban affairs?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Not at this time, Mr. Speaker.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

BIAFRA—AGREEMENT RESPECTING DAYLIGHT RELIEF FLIGHTS

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In reply to a question from the hon. member for Egmont on Wednesday last the minister stated that the only agreement reached by the Red Cross with respect to daylight flights into Biafra was a signed agreement with Nigeria. Since that time has the minister's attention been called to an agreement dated August 27 signed by Professor Freymond and Dr. Cookey, representing the International Red Cross, providing for daylight relief flights into Uli and accepted by the Biafran authorities, and will the minister correct the no doubt unintentional misstatement he made at that time?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I can only repeat what I said, that the only agreement reached was the signed agreement between Nigeria and the International Red Cross, which the Biafran authorities did not agree to.

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Is it not correct that the agreement signed between the Nigerian authorities and the Red Cross was prior to the agreement signed by the Biafran authorities?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The supplementary is argumentative.

Inquiries of the Ministry

MANPOWER

STUDENTS—CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROJECT TO PROVIDE SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the honourable and learned Minister of Manpower and Immigration and is prompted by the welcome announcement that the Canadian Chamber of Commerce is undertaking a project to find jobs for half a million unemployed students. Can the minister advise whether his department is co-operating in this project, and has he any new major plans for dealing with this important problem?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the person in the Chamber of Commerce who is heading up this program, Mr. Scrivener, has been in touch with the department. We have discussed their plan and are very pleased with the initiative that is being taken. We hope it will succeed in mounting an even better community program for student summer employment next year. We have not yet made any decision about a new program for next summer because we have not yet evaluated the results of the program that was in force last summer.

ATLANTIC PROVINCES—INQUIRY AS TO PROGRAMS TO ALLEVIATE UNEMPLOYMENT

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister say whether his department is planning any special programs to help alleviate the heavy unemployment in Atlantic Canada, a problem that is being accentuated by the non-discriminatory, anti-inflationary policies of the government?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member knows that kind of question normally should be replied to by way of a statement on motions. The minister may want to indicate whether he proposes to make such statement.

Mr. Lundrigan: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I was just asking the minister whether he was planning any programs, and I expect a very simple answer.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, any plans that will be implemented will be announced in the House in the regular way.