

Minister of Finance. Is it the intention of the government to introduce in the near future incentives aimed at bringing about greater productivity in this country, as the index of industrial production has been falling steadily since the first of the year at an annual rate of 7 per cent?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, if the government has new policies to announce they will be announced in the House, not in answer to a question.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, in view of that usual stock answer may I ask how long the government will remain in its present state of petrified immobility?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Wellington.

Mr. Hees: This is a very important matter to the country, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It may be important, but that is not a question that is acceptable under the rules.

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IMMIGRATION

DEPORTATION OF U.S. DRAFT DODGERS GUILTY OF WRONGFUL ACTS

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Is it the policy of the government to deport United States army draft dodgers or resisters if they are found guilty of any wrongful act in Canada?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member may be familiar with the general state of the law in respect of deportation. If he is referring to situations where someone has committed an indictable offence, the law would apply to any category of persons in the same way.

Mr. Hales: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister what the policy will be if these people are apprehended under the War Measures Act?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think the hon. member will appreciate that this appears to be a hypothetical question. I should think a question in those terms would hardly be in order.

[Later:]

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister whether he can reaffirm the policy of the government announced by his predecessor which was that deserters and draft dodgers would be treated just like any other people applying for entry into this country?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, there should be no difficulty about that and I think the hon. member should appreciate that if there is a change in policy that will be announced.

Inquiries of the Ministry

TIGHTENING OF LAW TO PREVENT ADMISSION OF PERSONS WITH SAME AIMS AS FLQ

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I asked the Prime Minister a question yesterday and now that I see the minister is in the House perhaps he can throw some light on this matter. Has there been any change in reference to immigration laws and regulations concerning people who have the same objectives and aims as the FLQ, to upset the government by means of crime or violence? Has there been any change?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, there has been no change but, of course, persons with a seditious intent would not be admissible under ordinary circumstances.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I am wondering then whether the minister can explain why Dr. Spock, who is speaking at various universities and colleges, and who has been found guilty of an indictable offence in the United States and is out on bail, has been allowed into the country at this time in view of the War Measures Act?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt that the question as asked is in order. The hon. member will recognize that it is asked in the form of an argument and because of this is not in order. I recognize the hon. member for Greenwood.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could rephrase the question.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps I might return to the hon. member in a moment.

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GRAIN

WHEAT—SALE TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—GRADES INVOLVED

Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. Can he inform the House about the progress of negotiations being carried on between the Canadian Wheat Board and the People's Republic of China regarding a contract for the sale of wheat?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I can report that these negotiations have now been concluded and the Wheat Board commissioners are returning home having concluded a sale to China of a maximum of 98 million bushels of wheat for delivery over a 12-month period.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Douglas (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, will the minister inform the House what grades are involved in this sale?