

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Whenever the R.C.M.P. receives a report that people are breaking the law it conducts an investigation. I assume it will do the same in these circumstances.

Mr. Woolliams: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps the minister misunderstood me. Will he inform the House of Commons if a report saying that draft dodgers are illegally peddling marijuana in Canada is brought to his attention?

Mr. Pennell: Mr. Speaker, I feel this is an extraordinary request, because I should have to report to the house every time someone violated the law of Canada in this regard. I confidently assure the hon. member that if such breaches of the law are brought to the attention of the R.C.M.P. it will take immediate action.

INQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister without Portfolio who is sitting behind the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Laing: You have the wrong minister.

Mr. Côté (Longueuil): I am the Postmaster General.

Mr. Herridge: I beg your pardon. I am addressing my question to the Minister without Portfolio, wherever he is. I wish to ask this question, Mr. Speaker, to clear some confusion in my mind. Perhaps the Acting Prime Minister can help me. In view of the position taken by the Acting Prime Minister the other day with respect to the use of the phrase "prime minister", and considering the bill tabled by a member of his party this afternoon, can the Acting Prime Minister inform the house why the Minister without Portfolio writes to the premier of British Columbia addressing him as "Mr. Prime Minister"?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I have always recognized the Minister without Portfolio to be a generous and very diplomatic man.

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. Is the minister satisfied

that the security of the state is able to withstand the disclosure that the armed forces are substituting a soft shoe drill routine for parade ground-shaking foot stamping; and can an expectant nation soon learn of other significant reforms in the Department of National Defence?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

POLLUTION**TAX INCENTIVES TO PLANTS INSTALLING CORRECTIVE DEVICES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the galloping danger from air pollution, will the government immediately consider allowing tax incentives to any plants that instal anti-pollution devices?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): These incentives already exist, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

LABOUR CONDITIONS**WAKEFIELD, QUE.—RETRAINING OF WORKERS LAID-OFF**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gaston Isabelle (Gatineau): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct to a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Can he tell the house if discussions have been or will be initiated between the Aluminum Company of Canada and his department about the retraining of that company's employees who will be laid off early next year when the processing plant in Wakefield shuts down for good?

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me that the hon. member's question is not of any immediate urgency since he is alluding to a situation that might arise next year only.

Mr. Isabelle: Mr. Speaker, that matter is as important for the riding of Gatineau as that of Dosco for the maritimes.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the Aluminum Company of Canada has advised the Department of Manpower and Immigration of its intention to close down its plant at Wakefield; there have been meetings of provincial authorities with the authorities of the company and representatives of our