

Inquiries of the Ministry

of the house. I have a certain amount of admiration for the Social Credit party because I like the "farmer approach" to parliamentary procedure taken by the hon. member for Medicine Hat. I love the Cr ditistes because although at times they are in my opinion strictly illogical, they are adorable.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Herridge: Someone has asked me to tell about my own party. I am a member of the New Democratic Party and proud that all the youth movements in our party recognize that I am way out on the left as far as economics and the cultural revolution are concerned.

Now I should like to address a question to the Minister of Labour. Has the minister been informed that a seaman, a member of the Seafarers International Union, has been placed on charge by the officers of the union for criticizing the payment of over \$20,000 to Mr. Rod Heinekey, former vice president, at the time of his resignation?

Since the trial of this seaman is to take place in Quebec city on March 9, would the minister refer this case to the board of maritime trustees for their investigation and report to him?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is, I am sure, entitled to a reply on this very particular date.

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): May I join in the congratulations extended to the genial member for Kootenay West on his birthday—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Nicholson: May I also thank the hon. member for his customary courtesy in giving notice of his intention to ask the question. In reply may I say that I have already caused inquiries to be made of the chairman of the board of maritime trustees and will report to the hon. member later.

COAL**INQUIRY AS TO PERSONNEL OF PROPOSED CROWN CORPORATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): My question is for the Prime Minister. Would the right hon. gentleman clarify the situation with regard to the Cape Breton development corporation concerning

which there have been some questions in recent days? Will the personnel of the corporation be announced prior to the introduction of the legislation to set up this body, or at a later stage?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I cannot add substantially to what I said yesterday. It is difficult to announce exactly when the appointments to the corporation will be made public until we have concluded our discussions with DOSCO itself. It may well be possible to announce the personnel of the corporation before the legislation is dealt with, but I am not sure yet.

HOUSE OF COMMONS**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO SENATOR ROEBUCK**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he would mind extending our most sincere good wishes for continued health and activity to a parliamentarian who I think has earned the respect of everyone by his activities in the past, and who today celebrates his 89th birthday anniversary. I refer to hon. Senator Roebuck.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I will be very glad to do that, and I know that my hon. friend in the other place will be grateful to the hon. gentleman for bringing this to our attention, and for the good wishes of the house.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Since the hon. senator is the senator for Trinity, the constituency I have the honour to represent in this house, I should like to join in that salutation.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps on this pleasant note we can call orders of the day.

INCOME TAX AMENDMENT**INCORPORATION OF PROVISIONS ANALOGOUS TO THOSE IN CANADIAN VESSEL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE ACT**

The house resumed, from Monday, February 27, consideration of the motion of Mr. Sharp for the second reading of Bill No. C-259, to amend the Income Tax Act and to repeal the Canadian Vessel Construction Assistance Act.