

*Oral Questions***IMMIGRATION****PORTUGUESE REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA—GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO ASSIST—SUGGESTION MINISTER ATTEND MEETING OF PORTUGUESE PEOPLE IN TORONTO**

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the serious suffering many Portuguese citizens have undergone as a result of their ouster from Angola, what steps have the minister's officials taken to assist these people and what facilities are available for many of them to come to Canada as refugees?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, in response to representations from my colleague, the hon. member for Spadina, as well as other hon. members we have looked into this and we are following the situation very closely. As the hon. member knows, people from Angola are also Portuguese citizens, even after November 11 which I believe was Angola's independence day. We have issued instructions to expedite any applications of Angolans who have relatives here in Canada. We have asked our people in Lisbon and in other offices nearby to treat those applications with the greatest consideration. I must say that we have not had a great volume of people as yet applying from within Canada for that consideration, but we are watching very closely.

Mr. Gilbert: I wonder if the minister or his officials would attend the meeting of Portuguese people in Toronto next Tuesday to explain the position of the government in this important matter.

Mr. Andras: There was a meeting in Ottawa with representatives of the Portuguese community led by the hon. member for Spadina about a month or two ago. The information I have just given to the House a minute ago was conveyed to the Portuguese community in Toronto. I personally met with Portuguese people in Winnipeg about a month ago and told them the same thing. One of the problems is that people in Angola are not refugees under the definition of the UN convention, but we are doing our best to watch the situation and I will be glad to meet with them or have somebody meet them to elaborate our position, but we have already informed them of our position on this matter.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM—POSSIBILITY PROFESSIONALS WILL RAISE FEES AND WORK FOR ONLY NINE MONTHS**

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. In answering some questions regarding Bill C-73 he said the gross income of professional people will be regulated to a maximum of \$2,400. If the gross income of professional people is to be regulated, what will stop professionals in Canada from raising their fees to their clientele and working for, say, nine months out of twelve?

[Mr. Drury.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. With respect, I think that is the kind of question that should be put to the minister in committee.

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PERFORMING ARTS**SUGGESTION INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS DISTRIBUTE OWN FILMS—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State. Representatives of the National Film Board are now asking independent producers, when bidding on a project, to include the cost as well as the method of distribution of the film. Is it the policy of the minister's department that producers now also become distributors of films, and does he not agree that such a policy would seriously prejudice, if not kill, many small independent producers, and that such a policy is designed to funnel business to the government corporation which already has its own distribution facilities?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure I fully understand the question. Let me examine it before I answer the hon. member.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**POSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTING PRIVATE BILL DEALING WITH GUN CONTROL—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, a week or so ago I asked the Minister of Justice whether or not, in view of the very widespread increase in gun toting criminals, he would be prepared to give consideration to accepting the private bill that I have introduced which provides for a minimum of five years for gun toting criminals, hoods and their like, without there being any reduction by parole, and he said he would look into it and let the House know.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, if that were solely the effect of the right hon. gentleman's bill, I would share his concern. I am preparing a number of amendments to the Criminal Code and I am taking that into account. But the effect of the right hon. gentleman's bill, as I understand it, would be to provide a minimum sentence of five years for the commission of any indictable offence while carrying a firearm, which could have the effect that a hunter, for example, charged with drunken driving while carrying a firearm in the back of his truck—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Basford: —could end up with a five year minimum sentence. The gentleman opposite do not like it, but that is the advice I have as to the effect of the bill. That is why I am not prepared to suggest to the House leader that we deal with that private member's bill, but the sentiment of the bill in terms of the desire to control the use of firearms and increase the standard of care for firearms is very much