

Inquiries of the Ministry

vance what will happen in the market, I wish he would let me know because that would be useful information for the industry.

IMMIGRATION**DEPORTATION OF JAMES AUTRY**

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, not long ago I directed a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration about James Autry. I wanted to know whether his officials had requested the United States government to arrange for his deportation under the Visiting Forces Act. Is the minister in a position now to answer my original question?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have my hon. friend's question in front of me and I intended to rise later to answer it and advise him that because the officials of the Immigration Department were of the opinion that this person should be dealt with under the Visiting Forces Act they were in touch with the United States consul in Halifax and I believe with U.S. officials in Ottawa about this particular person.

Replying to the question asked by the hon. member for Calgary North, there was no request by Mr. Autry to have his case heard before the Immigration Appeal Board and therefore there was no refusal of any such request.

Mr. Baldwin: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister advise whether in the discussions that took place officials of the department informed United States officials that under the Visiting Forces Act there could be no right of appeal and consequently, unlike the Immigration Act, there could be no proceedings that would prove a political embarrassment to the Canadian government?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I cannot answer that question because in the report to me no allusion was made to any conversation along those lines. When our policy with respect to desertion was announced in the House I made it clear that the only exception to the policy would be persons in Canada as members of forces of another country and that these persons would be subject to the Visiting Forces Act. It was for that reason that the normal policy was not followed by the officials of the department who were of the opinion that this person ought to be dealt with under that act.

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Justice about the Autry case. Has he investigated to ascertain whether as a result of decisions by our courts, notably in British Columbia, the handing over of a man like Autry by Canadian military personnel to U.S. personnel was outside the authority of the Visiting Forces Act and therefore totally illegal?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, we are conducting a very extensive investigation into the case, and because of the importance of the case I shall consider making a statement on it after we have concluded the investigation.

NATIONAL PRESS CLUB**REFUSAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO WOMEN—
SUGGESTED VIOLATION OF BILL
OF RIGHTS**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. On Monday I asked the hon. gentleman whether he would check the tenancy of the National Press Club in a building owned by the government of Canada. May I ask him whether he has been able to reconcile any regulation authorizing that tenancy with the provisions of the Canadian Bill of Rights?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): The Canadian Bill of Rights applies only to statutes and section 2 is, I think, very clear. It does not apply to the internal management or rules of a club or private organization. The National Press Club has a lease from the Department of Public Works until April 30, 1972, with an option to renew for five years—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to interrupt the minister. It seems to me this is information which should be sought by way of a question on the Order Paper and given in writing by the minister.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that the Canadian Bill of Rights does apply to regulations as well as the statutes, will the minister check into this angle of the matter and give an answer in whatever way he may choose to do so?

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**TRANSFER OF NERVE GAS FROM OKINAWA TO
UNITED STATES**

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich): I have a question for the Secretary of State for