

in Europe which would lead to withdrawal of our NATO forces in that area?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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IMMIGRATION

POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION BEFORE PUBLICATION OF GREEN PAPER—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Yesterday the Prime Minister stated that any interim measures to change immigration regulations would be announced by the government in the House. Later he stated that the opposition could express its point of view if the government makes a statement on motions on the subject. In the light of the statement made by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration yesterday, has the government changed its position and will any significant interim changes in the immigration policy be undertaken by the government which will be debated in the House?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will have to inquire if there will be legislation before the green paper. I understand from the House leader that there might be one small bill, but of course it will be brought to the House and debated here. I do not quite see the relevance with regard to the exchange yesterday, but perhaps I did not understand the purport of the hon. member's question.

Mr. Epp: Yesterday the Prime Minister was asked very clearly as to whether legislation would be brought to the House respecting any changes that are proposed by the government on the immigration policy. For some time now the government has carried on a study in preparation of the green paper.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Has the hon. member a supplementary question to pose to the Prime Minister and, if so, will he please pose it, otherwise we should be getting on to another question?

Mr. Epp: I asked the Prime Minister whether, in view of the fact that the green paper has been completed, any legislation making significant changes in the present policy on immigration will be introduced in the House prior to the publication of the green paper.

Mr. Trudeau: Yes, Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, there will be a very small bill on another subject than those which were discussed yesterday. But I must correct the hon. member with regard to something he said. The green paper is not completed, as he seems to assume. It will be completed in due course and brought before parliament.

[Translation]

Oral Questions

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

POSSIBLE ABOLITION OF CONTEMPT OF COURT PROCEEDINGS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the hon. Minister of Justice, to whom I gave notice of my question so that he may give me a more complete answer.

My question concerns the appearance this morning before the Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs of Mr. Justice Patrick Hartt, the excellent chairman of the Law Reform Commission.

Is the minister ready to give the green light to the commission which wants to go ahead and make a priority study of a very current issue, the abolition of contempt of court proceedings, which the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec, following the example of many others in the past, including the right hon. Prime Minister and myself, have condemned as being outmoded and unfair?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I know that the commission itself will be willing to give consideration to including this important subject in its future workload and if I thought it wise to do so I certainly would not stand in the way of it accomplishing the task.

[Translation]

REQUEST FOR STUDY OF SUPREME COURT JUDGMENT ON USE OF SEARCH WARRANTS

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary.

Have the assistants of the minister already studied or do they intend to study the impact and the effect of a judgment given recently by the Supreme Court to the effect that from now on the police forces may enter a residence and make a search without a search warrant, simply on the strength of information received?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member very kindly gave me notice of his earlier question but not of the so-called unrelated supplementary. However, I will be delighted to look into the matter and see if I have any comment to make to him on it.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

MINISTER'S POSITION ON LAND CLAIMS OF STONEY BAND IN ALBERTA—REQUEST FOR SIMILAR TREATMENT FOR JAMES BAY INDIANS

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): My question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and it refers to the advice which he offered earlier this week to the premier of Alberta regarding the land claims of the Stoney Indian band of Alberta. In view of the fact that the minister stated that the federal government is satisfied that the claim is valid