

Inquiries of the Ministry

statement to make along the lines suggested by the hon. member it will be made by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Graffey: It is too late for this year.

[*Later:*]

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): I have a question for the Minister of Labour in connection with the housing problem.

An hon. Member: "Crisis."

Mr. Prittie: "Crisis", my hon. friend says. I should like to ask the minister whether reconsideration is being given to the policy of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation of refusing to grant loans in connection with apartment buildings in metropolitan areas.

Mr. Nicholson: This matter is under constant study, but—

Mr. Graffey: That is all you do; study, study, study, study. No action.

Mr. Nicholson: I cannot see any likelihood of the corporation having to make a change in its policy, because the indications are that the traditional lending institutions are now coming back into the field on a scale which should make up for the deficit experienced last year. The figures indicate this clearly.

Mr. Graffey: A minister of studies.

Mr. Prittie: In view of the fact that most people in Canada cannot afford to buy through the National Housing Act because their salaries are not large enough to enable them to qualify, what new proposals is the minister considering in order that these people may be in a position to qualify to purchase homes?

Mr. Speaker: Again this is far too general a question.

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Revenue. I wonder whether the minister would consider removing the 11 per cent sales tax from building materials in order to facilitate house construction.

Some hon. Members: Oh.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

FAILURE TO BROADCAST NEWS OF DAIRY POLICY DEBATE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the

Secretary of State, who answers for the C.B.C., and pertains to the motion brought in yesterday by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette). Knowing the great interest that Canadian farmers have in this matter, would the hon. lady inform the house why the discussion was not mentioned last night on the C.B.C., so that Canadian farmers and all those in the various political parties interested might be reassured?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is making representations to the minister instead of asking her a question.

Mr. Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, in that case, I wish to discuss the matter at ten o'clock.

[*English*]

EXPO '67

REPORTED INSISTENCE ON U.S. FUNDS AS PAYMENT FOR ACCOMMODATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose): Mr. Speaker, my question arises from a newspaper article in my hand. I wish to address it to the Minister of Trade and Commerce who is responsible for Expo, but in his absence I shall address it to the minister answering for him. Is the government aware that certain motels and hotels in greater Montreal area are refusing other than United States funds in payment of accommodation? Also, does the government not think this is an insult to Canada and Canadians?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I am not sure who is the acting minister of trade and commerce, but as I am the acting minister of almost everything else—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Pickersgill: In the absence of the Prime Minister I shall take the question as notice and see if there is any truth in the extraordinary statement the hon. gentleman has made.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

HALIFAX—REQUEST OF DOCKYARD COUNCIL RESPECTING PAY RATES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Halifax): I wish to ask the acting minister for everything else my routine question, about an important matter. I wonder whether in the Prime Minister's absence the minister could indicate the govern-