

NATIONAL SECURITY

WAR MEASURES ACT—STATUS OF ARMED DEER HUNTERS

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Darmouth-Halifax East): My question is for the Solicitor General. In his absence I direct it to one of the ministers of the Crown so that perhaps something will be done. On Monday the deer hunting season in Quebec opens for the first time in three years. I am concerned about the safety of non-residents of that province, including Americans, who enter that province for the purpose of deer hunting with all the necessary arms. What is the status of these people under the War Measures Act?

FEDERAL INITIATIVES FOLLOWING EVIDENCE OF MR. SAULNIER BEFORE COMMITTEE

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): My question is directed to the Minister of Justice. It is prompted by the answers of the minister to some earlier exchanges. In view of the fact that the minister understands the federal system and discharges his duties, can he inform the House whether he was one of the ministers who reviewed the evidence of Mr. Saulnier in light of the recommendation in the first report of the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts which was tabled in this House on December 5, 1969, for further study and consideration, as stated in the last sentence of the report? What federal initiatives, if any, were taken between the time of the tabling of the report with Mr. Saulnier's evidence and the opening of the letters by the minister or the Prime Minister which were received from Mr. Bourassa and Mr. Drapeau one year later?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): It is true that evidence was reviewed, Mr. Speaker, but as I have stated in the House on other occasions, the primary responsibility for prosecutions at that time lay with either the police of Montreal or the Attorney General of Quebec. They saw fit not to prosecute.

KIDNAPPING OF JAMES CROSS—OFFERING OF REWARD BY PRIVATE INTERESTS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): I wish to ask the Minister of Justice whether the matter of the reward offered by two private enterprises in connection with the Cross case was discussed with the government prior to the offer? In light of that and of other recent events, is the government now reconsidering the matter of a reward in this matter?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker. The last time the question was asked it was directed to the Solicitor General who stated he would report to the House in due course. I think I ought to leave it that way.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS RESPECTING NEWS PROGRAMS

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): I have a question I should like to direct to the Minister of Regional

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Economic Expansion in the absence of the Secretary of State. Would he ask his colleague to inquire of the CBC, both French and English networks, whether any special instructions have been issued during the past two weeks concerning the delivery of news on either network, and whether, should such instructions have been issued, the minister would make a statement concerning them in the House?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I shall refer the matter to the Secretary of State.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

ISSUING OF INSURANCE CARDS TO NON-CANADIANS

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour.

Could he inform the House whether the Unemployment Insurance Commission has the authority to issue social insurance cards to individuals who are not recognized as Canadians, such as American Army deserters, or to other classes of individuals who have entered Canada illegally?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question could be placed on the order paper.

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[English]

NATURAL RESOURCES

SHUTTING OFF OF NELSON RIVER FLOW—PROTECTION OF AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Gerald Richard Cobbe (Portage): I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Is it a fact that the total flow of the Nelson River, Manitoba, was shut off as of yesterday and, if so, was his department notified of this action?

Mr. Speaker: The question is asked in terms which are perhaps not entirely correct from a procedural standpoint, but I suggest the minister should be allowed to reply.

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Officials of my department have been in touch with the Department of Mines and Natural Resources in Manitoba and with the Manitoba Hydro Electric Commission. We have drawn their attention to section 20 of the Fisheries Act and we have asked that a minimum flow be allowed to go down the river so as to protect the aquatic environment there.

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POST OFFICE

PLANS FOR DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Com-

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