

Inquiries of the Ministry

a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Would the minister advise the House if and when proceedings will be taken by his department to examine the advisability of deporting the two American youths who were charged and found guilty last week in Prince George of growing marijuana?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to take a look at the individual cases. In the ordinary course where convictions occur in the case of landed immigrants or persons visiting this country the individual case is examined from the point of view of whether proceedings should be taken.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

POLICY RESPECTING GRANTS ONLY TO NON-POLLUTING INDUSTRIES—GRANT TO CIGARETTE MANUFACTURER

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. Was the Minister of the Environment stating government policy yesterday when he indicated that the Department of Regional Economic Expansion will be making incentive grants to non-polluting industries?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Well, I hope that is government policy, yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. If this is government policy may I ask whether the Department of Regional Economic Expansion was carrying it out when it made a \$48,000 grant, as announced yesterday in a press release, to a cigarette manufacturer in Montreal?

Mr. Sharp: This is a different kind of pollution, Mr. Speaker.

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HIGHWAYS

REMOVAL OF RAILS FROM ROAD RIGHT OF WAY ON ABANDONED CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS LINES

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that crossings on abandoned Canadian National Railways lines are a hazard to road and highway construction and improvement, will the government take the necessary measures to have the rails removed on the road right of way where such a request is justified?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I would think that the hon. member's question is the type of question that ought to be placed on the order paper, or it is perhaps a representation to the minister and the hon. member has to assume that it will be taken into account. If it is a matter of urgency it could well be considered at the time of adjournment, but I suggest to the hon. member that his question is in the form of a submission which he has to assume, from the reaction of the minister, will be taken into consideration.

[Mr. Borrie.]

BROADCASTING

APPLICATION OF CONTRACEPTIVE MANUFACTURERS TO ADVERTISE ON RADIO AND TELEVISION

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address my question to the Acting Prime Minister. Is the government going to take a position on the application to the Canadian Radio-Television Commission by two contraceptive manufacturers to advertise their products on radio and television?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I shall have to take that question as notice.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

INDIA—EAST PAKISTAN REFUGEES—PROVISION OF CANADIAN NURSES—REQUESTS FOR ANTIBIOTICS

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I could answer a question put to me yesterday by the hon. member for Simcoe North.

Mr. Speaker: If there is no supplementary to the question just raised by the hon. member, the Chair will recognize the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Sharp: The hon. member for Simcoe North asked me yesterday about nurses who might be needed in Pakistan and the movement of medical supplies for the refugees in India. The answer is that the co-ordination of medical supplies and personnel has been entrusted to the World Health Organization under the over-all supervision of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. No request for medical personnel has been received. In response to our inquiries we have been informed that the number of medical personnel is sufficient to meet immediate needs.

With regard to medical supplies, a priority requirement has been for antibiotics, including penicillin. Part of the Canadian government contribution has been channeled through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and through the Canadian Red Cross to meet this need.

EAST PAKISTAN—REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING CHARGES OF GENOCIDE

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the government made any official contact with the High Commissioner for Pakistan respecting the very serious charges of genocide made by a Pakistani journalist who very recently fled that country?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker, I have not made representations directly to the High Commissioner here nor to the government of Pakistan. The High Commissioner and the government of Pakistan have, of course, denied these charges.