

Inquiries of the Ministry

question to the Solicitor General. Do the R.C.M.P. assist the immigration authorities in checking on dubious immigrants to Canada and, if so, can the minister give us an assurance that the R.C.M.P. are keeping an eye on a colleague of the notorious student leader, Danny Cohn-Bendit, who is presently in the city of Halifax attempting to foment trouble there?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the answer to the first part of the question is yes. As to the second part of the question, under the practice of this house I would not give any such assurance one way or the other.

Mr. Lorne Nysirom (Yorkton-Melville): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, may I ask whether the role and the activities of the R.C.M.P. and other police have been investigated in regard to the events which took place at Sir George Williams University this week?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

Mr. Nysirom: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I think the Solicitor General wanted to answer my question.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**CONSULTATIONS RESPECTING PENSIONS OF
RETIRED EMPLOYEES**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio—I refer of course to the one from the important city of Winnipeg (Mr. Richardson). My question is related to the welcome announcement just given by the Solicitor General that legislation regarding the pensions of federal superannuates is being prepared. On September 24 last the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Richardson) said that the government was continuing to consult with the officials of the Canadian National Railways concerning the pensions of retired employees of the C.N.R. Are these consultations continuing, and is there anything to report about an increase in the pensions of retired C.N.R. employees?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, consultations are continuing but there is nothing to report at this time.

[Mr. Nesbitt.]

CANADIAN ECONOMY**ALLEGED ADVERSE EFFECT OF INCREASED
SALARIES**

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Can the minister inform the house what the proposed increase in the salary of the Governor of the Bank of Canada does to the credibility of both the Governor and the government in their pleas to the public for fiscal restraint?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is clearly out of order.

Mr. Coates: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the government of Canada has been talking to the people of Canada about fiscal restraint in every possible area, yet it has increased by 50 per cent the salary of the Governor of the Bank of Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Coates: The minister should be allowed to explain this to the house.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for South Western Nova.

[Translation]

THE SENATE**FILLING OF VACANCIES**

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the right hon. Prime Minister a question.

Does he intend to fill the Senate vacancies in the near future?

Mr. Speaker: I do not think that this question is urgent, and I even doubt whether it is in order.

Mr. Comeau: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I must bring to the attention of hon. members the fact that we are again running short of time, and so perhaps we might allow another member to ask a question.

HOUSE OF COMMONS**INACCURACIES IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the government house leader. I admit it is an unusual question but I do not know anyone else to whom I can address it. Can the government house leader inform us as to when the extraordinary situation relative to the phone books supplied to the Press Gallery and