

a possible sale of Canadian potash to China, can the minister say whether or not he has had any discussions with Premier Thatcher of Saskatchewan regarding such a sale, and whether any negotiations are now under way with China?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, that subject was raised at the time of the recent meeting between the two governments, and I am inquiring into it now. It is not only a question of need; it is also a question of desire to buy and capacity to pay.

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YOUTH

INQUIRY AS TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROGRAM

Mr. Ambrose Hubert Peddle (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister without Portfolio in charge of citizenship, but in his absence will direct it to the Prime Minister. In light of the fact that latest government estimates indicate that 1,350,000 students will be looking for jobs this summer, and that at least one university, the University of Manitoba, reports that only 15 per cent are guaranteed jobs whereas at this time last year 40 per cent were sure of finding work, when will the government be announcing the details of its youth program?

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

Mr. Peddle: Will the Prime Minister expedite the decision since already the delay has caused postponement of a national conference on youth problems scheduled for later this month but now put off until mid-March?

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CITIZENSHIP

HIRING OF ALEXIA ALEXANDROVICH BANDY BY BRANCH—SECURITY CLEARANCE

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have been trying to direct this question to the Secretary of State or to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of Information Canada for the last two days but since both are not in the House today may I direct it to the Prime Minister. I am sure he is aware of the hiring of Alex Bandy by the citizenship branch of the Department of the Secretary of State. Has the Prime Minister requested the Solicitor General or the RCMP to make a security check on Alex Bandy and, if so, has he been given a security clearance by the government?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I do not know the answer, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry the hon. member has not been able to catch your eye. Maybe he can catch the eye of television when he goes out of the chamber.

Inquiries of the Ministry

NATIONAL SECURITY

ESTABLISHMENT OF REVIEW BOARD

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the fact that on December 14, 1970, as reported in *Hansard*, the Prime Minister indicated that pursuant to the report of the Royal Commission on Security a policy regarding a security review board as recommended has been established but not implemented, can the Prime Minister indicate when this policy will be announced and at what time we will be able to debate the report?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I confess that I did not hear everything that was contained in the question. There seemed to be a fair amount of noise opposite. I believe the question has to do with an announcement concerning a security review board. The question is under active consideration and I hope that we shall be able to make an announcement in the not too distant future.

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NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD

TYPE OF QUESTIONS ON FORM TO BE FILLED IN BY EMPLOYEES

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, may I address a question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister aware that the National Harbours Board at Vancouver is requiring its employees to fill in a federal government form which includes questions that, in my view, are contrary to the intent of the Criminal Records Act. They have to do with whether the employee has ever been convicted of an offence or dismissed, whether he has ever visited a communist zone country in the past 26 years and what is his nickname. Would the minister look into this situation?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for having given me notice of this question and for having supplied me with a copy of the questionnaire. I have asked the National Harbours Board for an explanation. I have also checked to determine whether the questions being asked are permissible or whether they should be changed. I will give the answer as soon as I obtain a reply from the National Harbours Board.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

POSSIBLE SALE OF McCLELLAND AND STEWART PUBLISHING FIRM TO FOREIGN INTERESTS

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, who has a special responsibility in this area, if he