

Annual Report to the Governments of the United States and Canada by the Columbia River Treaty Permanent Engineering Board for the period October 1, 1967 to September 30, 1968. (English text).

Copies of Order in Council P.C. 1968-2339, dated December 20, 1968, respecting the application of sanctions to Rhodesia. (English and French texts).

Copies of a Press Release, dated January 22, 1969, issued by the Department of External Affairs, announcing details of changes in passport requirements. (English and French texts).

Copies of a contract between the Government of Canada and the municipality of Canmore, Alberta, for the use or employment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, pursuant to section 20(3) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act, chapter 54, Statutes of Canada, 1959. (English text).

Copies of correspondence, dated between January 4 and November 7, 1968, received by the Minister of Justice from certain provincial Attorneys-General with respect to the amendment of the Criminal Code. (English and French texts).

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Paul Martin: Honourable senators, as you know, tomorrow will be devoted to the work of the committees. In order to enable them to discharge their operations we agreed last week that the house would not sit tomorrow. I therefore now move, with leave of the Senate, that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Thursday next, January 30, 1969, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

In putting that motion, I made the preliminary explanation that I did because I hope it will not be interpreted that the Senate is not working or not functioning. That was the interpretation given last week outside this chamber. The Senate will be working through its committees tomorrow.

Motion agreed to.

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Hon. Jacques Flynn: Honourable senators, may I suggest that this is perhaps the time to put a question to the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Martin). In view of the

polemic going on between the Postmaster General and the Minister of National Defence, and the comment made by the Prime Minister about it, will the honourable leader tell us whether he supports the thesis or the anti-thesis?

Hon. Paul Martin: The honourable senator knows that I am not going to give him the reply that he wants.

INTERNAL ECONOMY

REMOVAL OF CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS FROM SENATE READING ROOM—PRIVILEGE

Hon. M. Grattan O'Leary: Honourable senators, before the Orders of the Day are called, there is a matter I should like to bring before the house, perhaps as a question of privilege. It concerns what has been happening to the Reading Room of this Senate. I am aware of the decision reached by the Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts to make certain changes which would involve a place of, let us say, rest or recreation, and I am in favour of that decision, but I am not in favour of what has been done to the Reading Room itself.

Since coming to this house I have had occasion to use that Reading Room nearly every day. I have used it even on occasions when this house was not in session. During the past week or two there has been committed upon that Reading Room what I can only characterize as an outrageous piece of vandalism.

Someone acting on somebody's orders went in there and removed a number of invaluable magazines and reviews. I will go over briefly some of the reviews, magazines and newspapers which were removed, by whose authority I do not know.

For example, one of the newspapers removed was the *Washington Post*, considered the second-best newspaper in the United States or in North America. The *Atlantic Monthly* has been taken from the racks, as well. The *Atlantic Monthly*, one of the magazines we have had for many decades, with a cultural distinction which honoured the American people, has been removed. The *Economist* has been removed, and I venture to say, honourable senators that any man in public life in this country, any man sitting in this house, should have some acquaintance with that publication, perhaps the most authoritative financial journal published in the English-speaking world or any other part of the world.