

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Knowles:** Will the Prime Minister also make it clear to the C.B.C. that in our view fairness requires that this be done?

**Mr. Pearson:** I shall be glad to add that observation.

**DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS****INQUIRY AS TO SPEECH BY SECRETARY OF STATE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Would the Prime Minister clarify two points made by the Secretary of State in his speech last Wednesday to the Richelieu club of Quebec? My first question is this. When the Secretary of State said, according to *Le Devoir* that—

—soon the government of Quebec would benefit from 75 per cent of revenue collected in personal income taxes by the federal government—

—was he announcing government policy? Second, when the Secretary of State said, as reported in *Le Devoir*, and again I quote:

Mr. Lamontagne admitted, nevertheless, that there had not been up to now a serious study of the economic consequences of the independence of Quebec, and that a federal agency, under the privy council, was given the task of examining this aspect.

—may I ask is there a committee of public servants under the direction of the privy council engaged in studying the economic consequences of independence or separation of Quebec, as reported by the Secretary of State?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, this is too far reaching a question to be dealt with on orders of the day. I suggest that my hon. friend put it on the order paper or else bring it up when the estimates of the Secretary of State's department are under discussion.

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, when a minister makes a statement outside the house a member is entitled to ask whether it represents government policy. That is the question that was asked.

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, if I lost sight of that particular question in the rather long statement of the hon. gentleman, I apologize. Of course the minister was speaking as a member of the government on this question.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** On government policy.  
[Mr. Pearson.]

**VETERANS AFFAIRS****PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES TO VETERANS AND DEPENDANTS LIVING ABROAD**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Has the minister received a letter and a brief from Commander J. Leslie Harries of London, who is president of the Canadian veterans' association of the United Kingdom, urging amendments to the War Veterans Allowance Act that would make it possible for Canadian veterans living in England and their widows and orphans to receive the allowance without returning to Canada for 12 months. If so, is the government giving consideration to this request?

**Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I certainly received a representation of this type, but it is difficult for me to identify it from memory just at the moment. Consideration is being given to that question.

**EDUCATION****STUDENT LOANS—DESIGNATION OF CREDIT UNIONS UNDER ACT**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of Finance. My question is based on a letter from the credit union league of Saskatchewan directed to the Minister of Finance under date of September 10 and dealing with the sanctioning of credit unions as approved lenders under the student loans legislation. Why has there been a delay in sanctioning Saskatchewan credit unions with respect to this act, and will the minister see that this situation is rectified at an early date?

**Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to look into the matter.

**ONTARIO AND MANITOBA—PROCEDURE IN DEALING WITH APPLICATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth):** Mr. Speaker, last week we directed several questions to the Minister of Finance, through his parliamentary secretary, dealing with alleged red tape slowing down the applications of students in Ontario. Has the minister looked into this, and was there any substance in the charge?