

Inquiries of the Ministry

that its delegation be treated on an equal footing with the Canadian representatives, or have similar questions been raised during his conversations with Mr. Couve de Murville?

His answer was no for both parts of my question.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I do not think I have anything to add to what I said yesterday but I will examine the question once again and if I have additional information, I will gladly pass it on to the hon. member.

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Témiscamingue): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Could the minister say whether negotiations are going on between the Canadian and French governments to have Mr. Lussier, the representative of Quebec in Paris, enjoy the same status as Mr. Lapointe, as the province's delegate in that country?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I have nothing to add to what I said earlier. However, I would suggest that the hon. member examine the replies I gave this morning and the other day in that connection.

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REPORTED DELAY IN NEGOTIATIONS RESPECTING
U.S. FISHING RIGHTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to ask a question of either the Secretary of State for External Affairs or the Minister of Fisheries, whichever one may wish to answer. I should like to ask either one of these hon. gentlemen whether their attention has been drawn to certain remarks in the *Congressional Record* of the United States by Congressman Tollefson of Washington to the effect that Canada is dragging its feet or is not willing to proceed actively with the negotiations over the so-called historic fishing rights of United States fishermen in what are now Canadian waters.

Mr. Speaker: This is absolutely contrary to the rules according to the instructions given to me, under which it is improper to ask whether statements made in newspapers are correct.

Mr. Howard: With respect, sir, I am not asking about a newspaper; I am talking about the *Congressional Record* of the United States of America. I am not asking the minister whether he thinks the statements are true; I am asking whether they have been drawn to his attention and if he would comment upon them.

[Mr. Côté (Chicoutimi).]

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): They will be drawn to my attention now.

LABOUR RELATIONS

NORTHLAND NAVIGATION LIMITED—SIGNING OF
AGREEMENT WITH S.I.U.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour which I trust is in order. In view of the great dissatisfaction which exists among the membership of local 400, Canadian brotherhood of railway, transport and general workers with respect to the signing of a memorandum of agreement between the S.I.U. and Northland Navigation Shipping Company Limited and all the surrounding circumstances, would the minister bring this situation to the attention of the maritime trustees?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to do that.

GREAT LAKES—NATIONALITY OF
S.I.U. NEGOTIATORS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Labour if he has an answer to the question I posed to him a few days ago with regard to whether the S.I.U. negotiating team is wholly Canadian.

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I have directed an inquiry to the chairman of the board of trustees on this point but so far I have received no reply. As soon as I receive a reply I will give the information to my hon. friend.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

LEGISLATION RESPECTING DISSEMINATION
OF "HATE" LITERATURE

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. With regard to the type of literature to which reference was made some months ago, literature of a particularly putrid nature against the Jewish race and people, the Minister of Justice advised the house that the question was being looked into with a view to determining what action might be taken, and particularly with regard to whether the law as it presently exists is sufficient for the purpose; furthermore, whether