

*Inquiries of the Ministry***COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS****BERMUDA MEETING—REQUEST FOR OUTLINE OF SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard C. Green (Vancouver-Quadra):

Mr. Speaker, is the Prime Minister yet in a position to tell the house what subjects will be discussed during his conference next week with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom? If not, when will it be possible for us to get that information?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I am not sure that I will be at liberty to disclose the confidential correspondence I have had with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. I can say that we have suggested to the Prime Minister that we wish to discuss the trade situation between Canada and the United Kingdom. We will, of course, express our satisfaction at the fact that the United Kingdom has been able to increase its exports to Canada and that it has been able to make it possible for us to increase our exports to the United Kingdom. We will wish to discuss quite frankly the future possibilities of further substantial increases in that trade. We will certainly also discuss the situation which may arise in connection with this European market arrangement and free trade area. We have already had some discussions about that matter with Mr. Mollet, especially in relation to agricultural products.

There are other matters of particular concern to Canada that will be under discussion. There have been negotiations in respect of the quite long-term future requirements of the United Kingdom for uranium for the development of power and no doubt we will find it of advantage to inform the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of what the situation is apt to be here in Canada. We will also be very much interested in finding out what the progressive requirements of the United Kingdom will be.

Mr. Green: For uranium?

Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East): For uranium. I think those are the matters of special concern to Canada. But of course we are all very much concerned in the international situation generally and in the developments which are taking place, and which are not always being reported accurately in the newspapers, in the Far East.

Mr. Green: The Far East or the Middle East?

Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East): I mean the Middle East. I have always found that these frank exchanges of the information we get

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): No, sir, I have not, but I intend to do so. I must confess I was not greatly impressed by the newspaper reports. If I could get a passage from London to Vancouver for \$200 I would think I was doing pretty well.

Mr. Hamilton (York West): Mr. Speaker, I might direct the minister's attention to the question on the basis of the safety of the passengers rather than the air fare.

Mr. Pickersgill: I will take note of the hon. gentleman's observation.

Hon. George C. Marler (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I should like to supplement the answer given by my colleague the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to the question of the hon. member for York West. When I saw the report this morning that there had been alleged overcrowding on this aircraft I took the precaution of making inquiries in my department whether there was anything unsafe in the operation that was described in the press, and I was told by my officials that it was not considered unsafe though it might be uncomfortable.

Mr. Hamilton (York West): Does the minister's department permit Canadian operators to fly under the same circumstances with the same seating arrangements in their planes?

Mr. Marler: A good deal depends on the service they are being called upon to carry out. Offhand I am not able to give the requirements of my department with regard to similar operations being carried out by Canadian operators.

THE CANADIAN CONFEDERATION**SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO PLAN FOR ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of news reports of the speech made by the Prime Minister in Hamilton last evening, may I ask whether the government will now give consideration to my resolution asking for a federal-provincial committee to plan Canada's progress and development so we will be in a position to celebrate appropriately our one hundredth birthday on July 1, 1967?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): That will be given consideration at the appropriate time, Mr. Speaker.