

Canadian government has been represented at recent discussions in the United States concerning the Columbia river treaty, and by whom?

Mr. Green: Mr. Speaker, I think I explained that also in the house either yesterday or the day before. I said there had been two series of talks on a non-committal, informal basis and that all the three governments had been represented, the government of Canada, the government of the United States and the government of British Columbia. The government of Canada was represented by the deputy minister of northern affairs and national resources, an official from the Department of Finance and one of the assistant under secretaries of the Department of External Affairs.

TRANSPORTATION

ROYAL COMMISSION—IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In the light of the rapid decision of the government to talk about implementing the recommendations of the Glassco commission, when will the government announce implementation of the report of the MacPherson royal commission on transportation, which reported as long as 16 months ago?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, much of the implementation of that report will require legislative enactment by parliament. If only hon. gentlemen opposite would get ahead with the business we would be glad to introduce this legislation.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): A supplementary question—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think if we avoided some of the argumentative sections of replies we might get into less difficulty.

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. Will the Prime Minister tell the house when he proposes, on behalf of the government, to take action with regard to the recommendations of the many other royal commissions which were appointed by this government since it came into office?

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the hon. gentleman to see the answer to the last question.

Inquiries of the Ministry (Translation):

FORESTRY

INQUIRY AS TO FRENCH TRANSLATION OF BULLETINS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gerard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Forestry. Would the minister tell the house whether he intends to issue in French the bulletin No. 18, entitled "Grading hardwood logs for factory lumber" and No. 34, entitled "How to evaluate the quality of hardwood logs for factory"?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am sorry, the hon. member very well knows that he cannot put questions concerning such and such bulletins published by such and such departments on the orders of the day.

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FISHERIES

REPORTED RECOMMENDATION RESPECTING JAPANESE FISHING IN NORTH PACIFIC

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask the Minister of Fisheries whether any action has been taken with respect to the international north Pacific fisheries commission recommendation to allow Japan to fish halibut in the eastern Bering sea and herring off the west coast of the Queen Charlotte islands.

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I have nothing further to add at this time to the answer I gave three or four days ago.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

NUCLEAR WARHEADS—REFERENCE TO ARTICLES IN "WINGS IN SPACE"

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence, and I assure Your Honour that this has nothing to do with the Glassco report. In the December issue of the periodical "Wings in Space" there is an editorial by M. J. Seeley and an article by Air Marshal W. A. Curtis both relating to "Nuclear warheads—urgent Canadian defence requirement". Would the minister advise the Canadian public if the following statement is correct or erroneous—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Right there I can tell the hon. member that his question is quite out of order. It is quite improper to ask a minister of the crown to comment upon a statement or article appearing in any publication which is not the direct responsibility of the minister.