

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, this matter is now before the security council. I would hope that the discussions taking place there will serve to bring a moderating influence in the Middle East.

HATE LITERATURE**INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the promise he made that legislation on hate literature will be brought down during this part of the session, can he tell us whether this legislation will be brought down now in view of its importance?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I do not recall saying it would be brought down in this part of the session, but we are studying this matter and we do hope to bring forward legislation which will deal effectively with this matter as soon as that can be done.

Mr. Starr: On a supplementary, Mr. Speaker, in view of the importance of this legislation can the Prime Minister say how long it will take to study it?

Mr. Pearson: No, Mr. Speaker. To some extent it will depend on how long it will take to deal with the legislation we are now considering.

Mr. Starr: I have another supplementary, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that the Prime Minister avoided answering my question, will he say when this legislation will be placed on the order paper?

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, it will be placed on the order paper as quickly as possible. I hope my hon. friend will co-operate so as to make that even quicker than possible.

Mr. Diefenbaker: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Is it expected that this legislation also will come into effect on July 1, 1968?

LABOUR CONDITIONS**MALTON, ONTARIO—LAY-OFFS AT DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT PLANT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, last Thursday I asked the Minister of Manpower and Immigration a question relating to certain lay-offs by Douglas Aircraft at Malton. On Friday the minister gave a

[Mr. Thompson.]

partial explanation and indicated he was seeking to obtain more information regarding the lay-off of some 80 odd employees by Douglas Aircraft. At the same time certain other things happened.

Does the minister now have any further information about that lay-off, and particularly any comments as to steps to be taken to relocate the people affected?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, arrangements have been made whereby a committee composed of officials of the company, representatives of the provincial government departments concerned and a representative of this department has been formed to examine the full record of experience of the people being laid off as well as the experience record of the immigrants who are expected on October 25, with a view to absorbing both groups of affected employees elsewhere in the labour force. Qualifications, rates of pay and conditions of work will dictate the most appropriate course of action that can be followed under these unfortunate circumstances. Local 112 of the United Automobile Workers has been kept informed of the action that is being taken.

Mr. Lewis: May I ask a supplementary question. Reports have suggested that there were certain cut-backs in the operation of Douglas Aircraft because of certain events in the United States. Can the minister inform the house whether these cutbacks are permanent or merely temporary, and if they are only temporary is there any way of keeping these 80-odd people on the work force pending better circumstances?

Mr. Marchand: I do not know if they are permanent or temporary. I know that Douglas Aircraft cannot obtain certain parts from the United States and for this reason had to curtail production, but for how long I do not know.

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): May I ask a supplementary question. When application was made for admission to Canada of some 80 assemblers and 20 machinists by Douglas Aircraft, was the minister aware at the time that there were going to be lay-offs for some 89 assemblers and these people from Great Britain were to replace them on the jobs?

Mr. Marchand: No, Mr. Speaker, I was not aware and I have no indication that the company was aware of the situation either.