

so ago designed to bring Red China into the United Nations? What is the meaning of press references indicating that Canada, as a result of United States action, had been manoeuvred out of its position in the United Nations?

Mr. Pearson: The words "manoeuvred out" are the right hon. gentleman's words. We have not been manoeuvred out of any position at all. We are discussing the matter with our friends in the United Nations in the hope that there will be negotiations which will bring about a forward movement in this matter.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

TAMPERING WITH MAIL BY STORE MANAGERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice or to the Solicitor General—to whichever hon. gentleman has jurisdiction over this matter—and ask whether an inquiry will be launched into allegations made today before the Indian affairs committee that certain Hudson's Bay Company store managers have interfered with Her Majesty's mail by burning Eaton's, Simpsons-Sears and other competitors' catalogues so that they could not get into the hands of people whom Hudson's Bay serves. Another allegation is that these managers have been opening other people's mail containing money or cheques.

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General of Canada): I undertake to look into the matter and I shall discuss it with my officials. If it appears that further action is necessary, action will be taken.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

WEST GERMANY—REOCCUPATION FOLLOWING GROWTH OF NEO-NAZISM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Milton L. Klein (Cartier): My question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. Will he tell us if there are any conditions under which the allied powers may reoccupy West Germany in the event that neo-nazism continues to grow?

Mr. Speaker: Will the hon. member agree that this is a matter of very general purport, and the type of question which should hardly be asked at this time.

Inquiries of the Ministry

NATIONAL DEFENCE

NATO—ASSIGNMENT OF CANADIAN AIRCRAFT TO U.S. CARRIERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Is it correct that Canadian naval tracker planes and pilots have been assigned or are to be assigned to United States aircraft carriers and, if so, is this a first step in turning over to the United States navy our anti-submarine commitments to NATO?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, this is the normal practice followed when the *Bonaventure* is in for refitting. I suspect that this practice was adopted when the hon. member was Minister of National Defence, although I have not checked that. It certainly goes back to previous occasions when the *Bonaventure* was in for refitting. This practice has none of the overtones suggested by my hon. friend.

MANNING OF H.M.C.S. "BONAVENTURE" FOLLOWING REFITTING

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When is the *Bonaventure* going to come out of refitting and will there be sufficient personnel to man her if she does come out?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): She will come out of refitting as soon as repairs are completed.

An hon. Member: When will that be?

Mr. Hellyer: I presume that will be some time next year, and I am advised that we will have personnel to man her at that time.

REQUEST THAT H.M.C.S. "BONAVENTURE" BE SCRAPPED

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence supplementary to the one asked by the hon. member for Calgary North concerning the *Bonaventure*. Is the Department of National Defence giving serious consideration to scrapping the *Bonaventure* altogether, thereby saving the taxpayers a great deal of money?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker; we feel this would not be wise at the present time. the *Bonaventure* can provide an adequate service for some years to come.