

**Mr. Dionne:** Mr. Speaker, I would have a complementary question.

Am I to conclude that this is just about the answer you would give if further representations were made by the province?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

[English]

#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### NIGERIA—INQUIRY AS TO MEDIATION EFFORTS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke):** My question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. As warfare in Nigeria reaches a climax, has any effort been made by the government to mediate in an attempt to settle the dispute?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Johnston:** Is consideration being given to striking a commonwealth committee which might be of assistance in mediating this dispute?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I have had discussions with interested Canadians who have a wide acquaintanceship with persons in Nigeria, and a close knowledge of conditions there. We have held discussions with Mr. Arnold Smith, secretary general of the commonwealth secretariat in connection with this matter, and we have been in consultation with other countries. The hon. member may be assured that the matter is one which engages our active interest.

#### FISHERIES

##### PARTICIPATION BY B.C. IN FISHING VESSEL SUBVENTIONS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries with respect to the recent meetings of the federal-provincial British Columbia fisheries committee. Was any indication given at those meetings that the government of British Columbia intends to participate in the fishing vessel regulations which were recently amended by the minister?

**Hon. H.-J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries):** I understand that this matter was discussed but no decision was reached.

**Mr. Howard:** Am I correct in understanding, then, that British Columbia still does not

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participate in the subventions under the fishing vessel regulations?

**Mr. Robichaud:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

##### BRITISH COLUMBIA—EFFECT OF FLOOD CONTROL WORKS ON COWICHAN RIVER

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David Groos (Victoria (B.C.)):** Can the minister assure the house, as a result of these meetings, that he is aware of what I understand to be the imminent plans of the British Columbia government in connection with flood control on the Cowichan river on Vancouver island? If so, are his officials studying the impact these might have on the sports fishing on this world famous river?

**Hon. H.-J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I understand the provincial authorities in British Columbia have contacted our area director in Vancouver with regard to this project, and our departmental engineers are now studying the effect it may have on local fisheries.

[Translation]

#### LABOUR CONDITIONS

##### MONTREAL—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagoit):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Yesterday, in reply to a question from the hon. member for Sainte-Marie (Mr. Valade), he stated that his department would make special efforts to check the unemployment crisis foreseen this winter in the province of Quebec due to the closing of Expo '67. Could he tell us when these steps will be made public?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot recall making the statement attributed to me by the hon. member.

**Mr. Ricard:** Please refer to page 2802.

[English]

#### EXPO '67

##### LACK OF AGREEMENT TO ENSURE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Roger E. Régimbal (Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a related question to the Minister of Trade and