

there is some justification for the allegations made in that story. In answer thereto I would simply say that the closing of the office in Salisbury has been partly responsible for the problems in Malawi and Zambia. I believe the situation will be corrected by the staff that has been sent to Kenya under the new ambassador.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

APPEARANCE OF MR. VON THADDEN ON PROGRAM "SUNDAY"

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, on Monday the Leader of the Opposition asked me whether the question of Mr. von Thadden appearing on C.B.C. television had been considered by the corporation's board of directors.

I am informed by the president of the C.B.C. that no formal reference was made to the C.B.C. board of directors, as the decision to withdraw the invitation to Mr. von Thadden to come to Canada and, instead, to interview him in Germany fell within established policy. In view of the widespread publicity surrounding the matter, C.B.C. management took the precaution of consulting some members of the board individually.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the minister if the C.B.C. management consulted with members of the board about the name mentioned by the right hon. Leader of the Opposition?

Miss LaMarsh: I have not any such information.

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE—AVAILABILITY OF CENTENNIAL TRAIN TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): May I also answer a question posed by the hon. member for Portage-Neepawa with respect to the confederation train. The hon. member suggested that during the three days the train would be in Portage la Prairie it would not be open all the time. I am informed by the officials in charge that during the three days—Saturday, Sunday and Monday—the train will be in Portage, it will be open for the entire period. I think hon. members should realize that there is only one

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train. It will be on the road for 331 days this year and will be unavailable to the public only for 15½ days, 10½ of which are to be taken up with travelling and 5, it is anticipated, for servicing.

PENSIONS

LEGISLATION RESPECTING PLANS UNDER FEDERAL JURISDICTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. One of the very few items on the order paper to which the Prime Minister did not refer when he gave the list of business for the remainder of this session is the bill under the ministers name having to do with protecting pension rights and benefits in plans coming under federal jurisdiction. Will that legislation be proceeded with during the course of this session?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Prime Minister did not mean to leave that out. Probably there is the suggestion, by inference, that smaller bills of this kind might be put in at odd times—

Mr. Pearson: Non-controversial items.

Mr. Sharp: Non-controversial matters such as this may be introduced at any time. I am ready to introduce this at any time.

Mr. Knowles: That is the way to make a bill controversial; call it non-controversial.

EDUCATION

ASSISTANCE TO PROVINCES TO PROVIDE TRAINED UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister based on a statement recently released by the presidents of the universities of Canada, that the most urgent responsibility for universities is to train graduate students as teachers, scientists and professional leaders. Keeping in mind that construction of new buildings has been stimulated by the federal health resources fund of \$500 million, also that unless appropriate provisions are made to meet the demands of personnel the new buildings might not have the staff or the scientific equipment with which to operate, can the Prime Minister say whether the federal government will consider aiding the provinces in this urgent manpower need?