

Inquiries of the Ministry

of repatriating our Canadian contingent at the end of this third three-month period.

RECOGNITION OF QUEBEC DELEGATION
IN PARIS

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Maurice Côté (Chicoutimi): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Would he tell the house what decision has now been made with regard to the Quebec delegation in Paris and also whether the government has decided to grant the same privileges as those previously granted to the Ontario delegation in London?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, in reply to the second part of the question, I must say that this decision does not depend on the Canadian government, but rather on the French government.

As far as the first part of the question is concerned, I must say that since discussions between the French government and the Canadian government are not yet completed, I am not in a position to give a final answer.

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POSSIBLE MODIFICATION OF TREATY
BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPAN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the minister participated in any discussions, or is he aware of any discussions that took place, when he was in Tokyo, when Mr. Cabot Lodge visited Canada, or with other United States officials which would indicate that the United States intends to modify its treaty with Japan to permit the establishment of regular armed forces; to permit rearmament, and to permit the deletion of the declaration against war clause in that treaty?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): No, sir.

MALAYSIA—INQUIRY AS TO MILITARY
SURVEY GROUPS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): I wish to address two questions to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the commission from Malaysia reached Canada and held conversations with representatives of this government; and second,

[*Mr. Hellyer.*]

has the military survey group from Canada left for Malaysia?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The military survey group, which had expected to leave for Malaysia last week, would have been on its way but for the fact that the team from Malaysia which was in the United States and later came here asked that there should be a delay so they could study certain information. We are now waiting to hear from the Malaysia authorities before the Canadian team departs.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

QUEBEC—ADMINISTRATION OF
ESKIMO AFFAIRS

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Can he tell us how negotiations are progressing between his department and the department of natural resources of the province of Quebec concerning the transfer of the administration of Eskimo affairs in that province, and can he also tell us if he expects that those negotiations will soon be concluded?

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Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, there have been no negotiations at the official level in recent weeks. I rather anticipate that we will be having certain discussions with the department concerned in the province of Quebec in the next several weeks.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Since those negotiations rather seem to be at a standstill, and since the Prime Minister of Canada is known as one of the greatest diplomats and negotiators in Canada today, does he not intend to intervene in order to bring those negotiations to a conclusion as soon as possible?

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Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not think the hon. member should be too impatient. I am quite confident that these negotiations will continue, and that a solution will be found.