

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, the short answer would be to make the necessary motion to set up such a committee. Perhaps I should explain that I have taken a little time to do this for the simple reason that in view of the heavy demands being made on committees now, with such a large number of them having so much work before them, and the fact that members of such a committee undoubtedly would wish to have a few weeks' time to observe the handling of estimates in committees before making their final recommendations as to what the procedure should be, I thought it would be better if we left this matter to a later stage in the session. I must say that this is not just my own conclusion; I discussed it with some other members of the house to get their opinion as to what would be the best procedure, and that seemed to be the consensus as to the best way of handling this matter.

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, on this point—and this is not in the form of a question, as it is difficult for me to form a question on this point—in view of what the government house leader has said as to consideration of this matter later in the session; in view of the fact that the government today is introducing the estimates of certain departments for consideration, and the time spent on the departments now will be deducted from the 30 day limit, in order that we in the opposition and government members also, for that matter, might be able to contain ourselves to some degree on these various departments I think we should take steps now to establish some schedule on these departments.

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I shall be very glad to take the necessary steps to have the committee set up right away in view of what has been said.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**ACTIVITIES IN CANADA OF U.S.
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs in connection with complaints to which I made reference the other day, that Canadian citizen Eerik Heine has had his reputation banded about by the C.I.A. of the United States as having been a communist. I asked what action the government was taking

to protect the good names of Canadians, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs said the matter was being taken up with the authorities in the United States. I ask him whether the strongest possible protest has been made to this most unjustifiable way of assassinating the reputation of a good Canadian.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the matter to which my right hon. friend directs his question this morning was also raised by him three days ago. I indicated then that we were discussing this matter with the United States. In this situation judicial proceedings are of course involved. I would share my right hon. friend's concern if the facts as they eventually appear warrant the conclusion which he has placed upon them. In any event, my right hon. friend may be assured that the matter is receiving our attention. I hope I shall be able some time later to give a definite answer with regard to another aspect of the question which he asked three days ago.

**REPORTED CRITICISM OF NEW TYPE
OF PASSPORT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Addison (York North): Mr. Speaker, I should also like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has he received any criticism in connection with the new type of Canadian passport now being issued by his department and, if so, is his department planning on making any changes?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that this does not appear to be a very urgent question and should be placed on the order paper.

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**VIET NAM—SPEECH BY UN
SECRETARY GENERAL**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs.

In view of the statement recently made in London by Mr. Thant, Secretary General of the United Nations, whereby the only real solution to the problem is the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Viet Nam, including those of the United States, Russia, China and others, is this position supported by the minister and the government?