

Inquiries of the Ministry

or otherwise, with respect to exchanges. I can assure the Leader of the Opposition that this matter is under consideration by the government.

INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION EXTENDING "VICTIMS POLICY" TO REFUGEES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether in view of his favourable answer to my question of December 10 last regarding the extension of the so-called "victims policy" to the victims of Nazi persecution who are now in the countries of the west and in need of financial aid, to the effect that he would give this matter every consideration, he is able to make any further statement on this matter today.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, I am not, but I will have it looked into.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

REQUEST THAT NOTICE BE GIVEN BEFORE DISSOLUTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the hon. member for Quebec East on each of the three occasions when he decided to ask for the dissolution of parliament gave notice of that intention to the House of Commons some days in advance, will the present Prime Minister, if he forms an intention to ask for the dissolution of parliament, extend the courtesy of giving a similar notice?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I will give consideration to that in due course.

EMPLOYMENT OF STENOGRAPHIC STAFF AFTER DISSOLUTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Daniel McIvor (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister if when he considers dissolution of parliament he will take into consideration the employment of the stenographic staff?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I think that is a very hypothetical question, Mr. Speaker, because after all the time when I commence to think of dissolution will be time enough to consider matters such as this.

Mr. McIvor: Thank you.

[Mr. Smith (Hastings-Frontenac).]

AIRPORTS

MOOSE JAW-REGINA—INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INTERCITY FACILITIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Louis Lewry (Moose Jaw-Lake Centre): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Yesterday he replied that he had not to his knowledge received any representations in connection with a proposed intercity airport to serve Moose Jaw and Regina. I have supplied the minister with a copy of a letter written to him on January 22 by the Moose Jaw chamber of commerce. I should like to know whether, in view of these further representations, his department would now undertake consideration of the establishment of an intercity airport to serve the two cities of Moose Jaw and Regina?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): The department will give this proposition careful consideration.

NATURAL RESOURCES

NEW BRUNSWICK—ASSISTANCE IN SPRUCE BUDWORM CONTROL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. W. Montgomery (Victoria-Carleton): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Has the government given consideration to extending the assistance program formerly carried on by the federal government in connection with spruce budworm infestation in New Brunswick?

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): The answer to that question is yes.

CRIMINAL LAW

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION RESPECTING SALE OF OBSCENE LITERATURE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In the light of representations which I have received from my constituency, I should like to ask the minister if consideration is being given by him or his department to amending the Criminal Code so as to clarify and strengthen those sections which deal with the publication and distribution of obscene and salacious literature.

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of this question. I think by way of reply I shall have to repeat in effect what I said on two earlier occasions in this house,