

Radio and Television

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): By way of supplementary question, may I ask the minister if he is not aware that the very excellent reply he has just given is practically the same as the reply given to the Minister of Finance when he complained about deficiencies in the hospital insurance act introduced by the previous administration?

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**ROYAL COMMISSION ON ENERGY—INQUIRY AS TO SITTINGS IN ATLANTIC PROVINCES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. R. McWilliam (Northumberland-Miramichi): Can the Prime Minister advise the house if the royal commission on Canada's energy resources plans to hold public meetings in the Atlantic provinces? If so, have dates and places been selected?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I have no information on that, Mr. Speaker. I shall communicate with the chairman of the commission with a view to ascertaining his intended sittings. When I have that information I shall communicate it to the house.

BRIDGES**SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.—INQUIRY AS TO FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. E. Nixon (Algoma West): Can the Minister of Public Works say whether or not the government is considering financial aid towards the construction of the proposed international highway bridge across the St. Mary's river between Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for having given me notice of his intention to ask this question. No consideration has been given to financial aid by the federal government. It is my understanding that the proposal is to have a bridge built by a company known as the St. Mary's Bridge Company.

IMMIGRATION**PAUL ROBESON—INQUIRY AS TO PERMISSION TO ENTER CANADA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): May I address a question to the cool, collected and colourful Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. In view of the fact that many Canadians believe that great art and talent belong

to the ages and to all people and, therefore, wish to enjoy the same opportunities in this respect afforded other nations in the commonwealth; and in view of the fact that many Canadians wish the opportunity to hear Paul Robeson, internationally famed concert, stage and screen artist, would the minister inform the house if her department recognizes the maturity and cultural development of the Canadian people sufficiently to permit the entry of Paul Robeson for their enjoyment?

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the question is purely hypothetical. So far as I am aware there is no application for admission of the gentleman to Canada.

Mr. Herridge: May I ask, as a supplementary question, if an application were made would it be favourably considered?

Some hon. Members: Order.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**UNEMPLOYMENT—PROVINCIAL LABOUR MINISTERS ATTENDING CURRENT CONFERENCE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. L. Houck (Niagara Falls): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Labour if many of the ministers of labour from the provinces are attending the conference on seasonal unemployment at the present time.

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): Yes, Mr. Speaker. Ten provincial ministers of labour accepted the invitation. Nine are here and one, being ill, is not able to be present.

SUPPLY

The house resumed, from Monday, July 14, consideration of the motion of Mr. Fleming (Eglinton) for committee of supply, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Pearson, and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Herridge.

RADIO AND TELEVISION—GOVERNMENT POLICY

Mr. C. W. Carter (Burin-Burgeo): The problem of how to utilize radio and television technology with maximum benefit and minimum expense to the people of Canada is certainly one of the most difficult problems with which the government of Canada could be faced, no matter what party is in power. It is something that we must have because we cannot do without it, but when we look at the astronomical cost which is involved in a country of such geographical dimensions as our own, we begin to wonder how we can afford the expense.