

Mr. Winch: In view of the statement just made by the minister let me ask him this important and specific supplementary question. Will the House of Commons be given an opportunity to discuss what our commitments should be before there is any *fait accompli* in this regard?

Mr. Hellyer: As I just suggested, Mr. Speaker, when the defence estimates are being considered—and I hope that will be sometime within the next two months before the summer adjournment—there will be a full opportunity to discuss the roles and missions of our forces for the years immediately ahead. I think this would be the best available opportunity for members on all sides of the house to give the government an indication what they think would be an appropriate policy for Canada for the next five years.

Mr. Winch: I should like to ask a further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of what he has now stated, will the minister indicate the government's views to the committee on defence in order that they may be considered?

Mr. Speaker: Order.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

REPORTED INTENTION TO REDUCE TRANSCONTINENTAL PASSENGER SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. E. Pascoe (Moose Jaw-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of an alleged report that the C.N.R. may eliminate or drastically alter transcontinental passenger services, will the minister give us an assurance that no such drastic change in present rail service will be made until this whole question is fully considered by the house?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I know nothing of any such rumour, Mr. Speaker, and I think I should investigate it before giving any assurances.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Mr. Speaker, will the minister make it clear to C.N.R. officials that such a move would be against the wishes of the transport committee, which performed a very effective job in this regard?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure hon. members recognize this as a hypothetical question.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

NATIONAL REVENUE

REPORTED DENIAL OF ENTRY TO CERTAIN BOOKS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue and ask whether his department has adopted a new policy of censoring books, and forbidding the importation of certain books because of their contents.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board): There has been no change in our policy, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Orlikow: I should like to ask the minister whether the reports are incorrect that certain books have been forbidden entry into Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question cannot be asked at this time.

AGRICULTURE

INQUIRY AS TO MEETINGS OF FEED GRAIN AGENCY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent (Ont.)): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the minister of forestry. May I inquire whether the members of the feed grain livestock agency have held any meetings, and when they will be in a position to accept briefs or representations from the grain trade.

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): They had a meeting, Mr. Speaker, on April 25 and 26. The office in Montreal will be opened some time this month, and they are already in a position to accept any briefs or submissions from interested parties.

FISHERIES

BRITISH COLUMBIA—PROPOSED SALMON FISHING BOUNDARIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. W. Groos (Victoria (B.C.)): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries. Has the minister received telegrams from the fishery associations of British Columbia and B.C. Packers protesting the department's contemplated closure of area 19 and part of area 20 to commercial salmon fishing? That is my first question. I think I have a supplementary.